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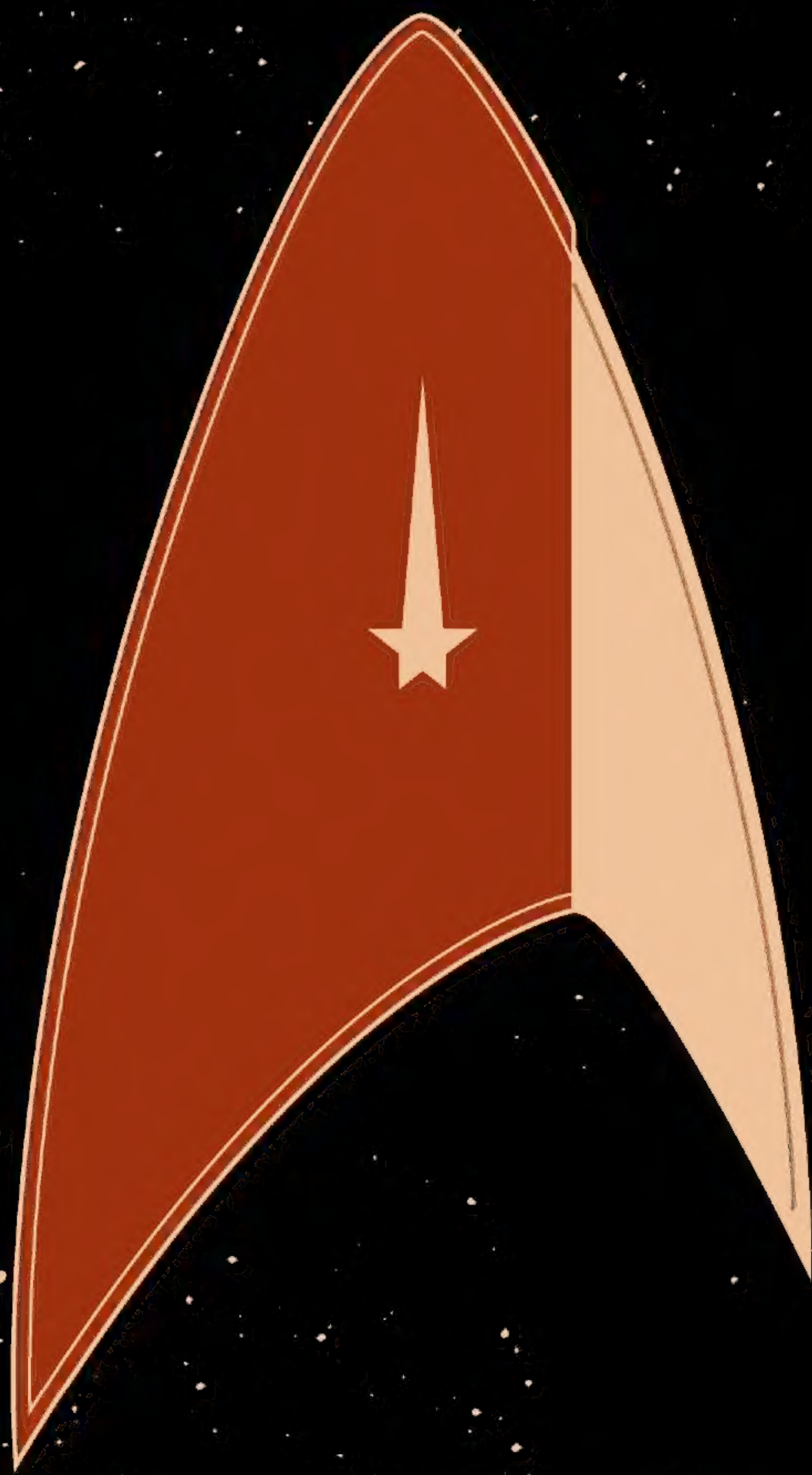
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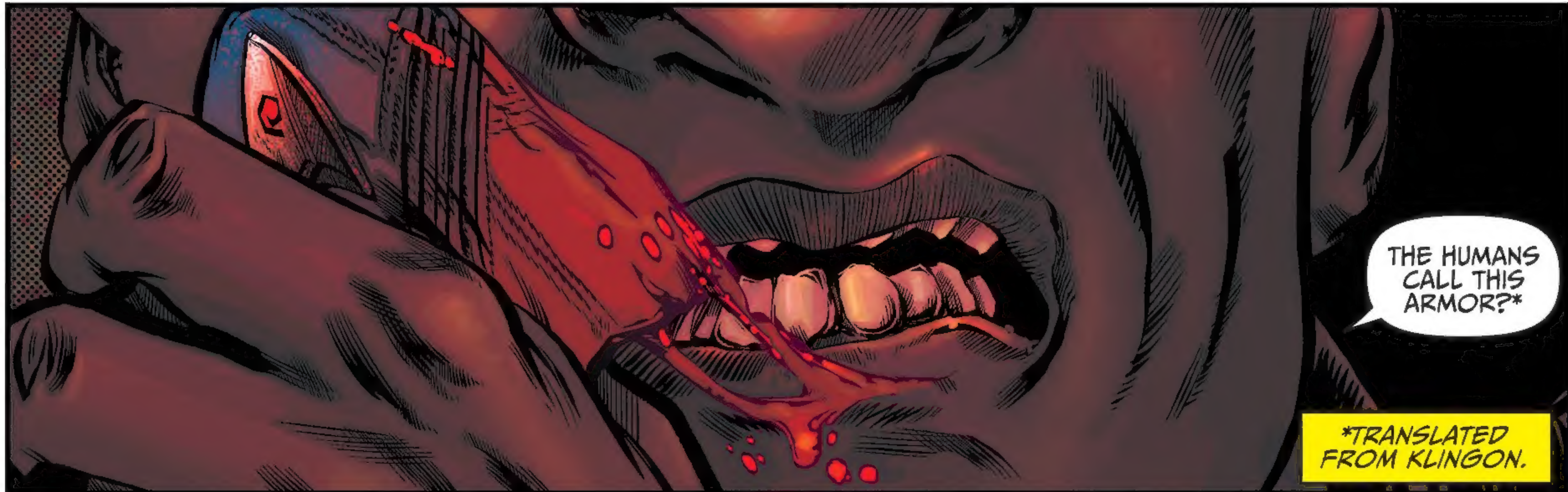


The Battle of the
Binary Stars is over.

T'Kuvma is dead.

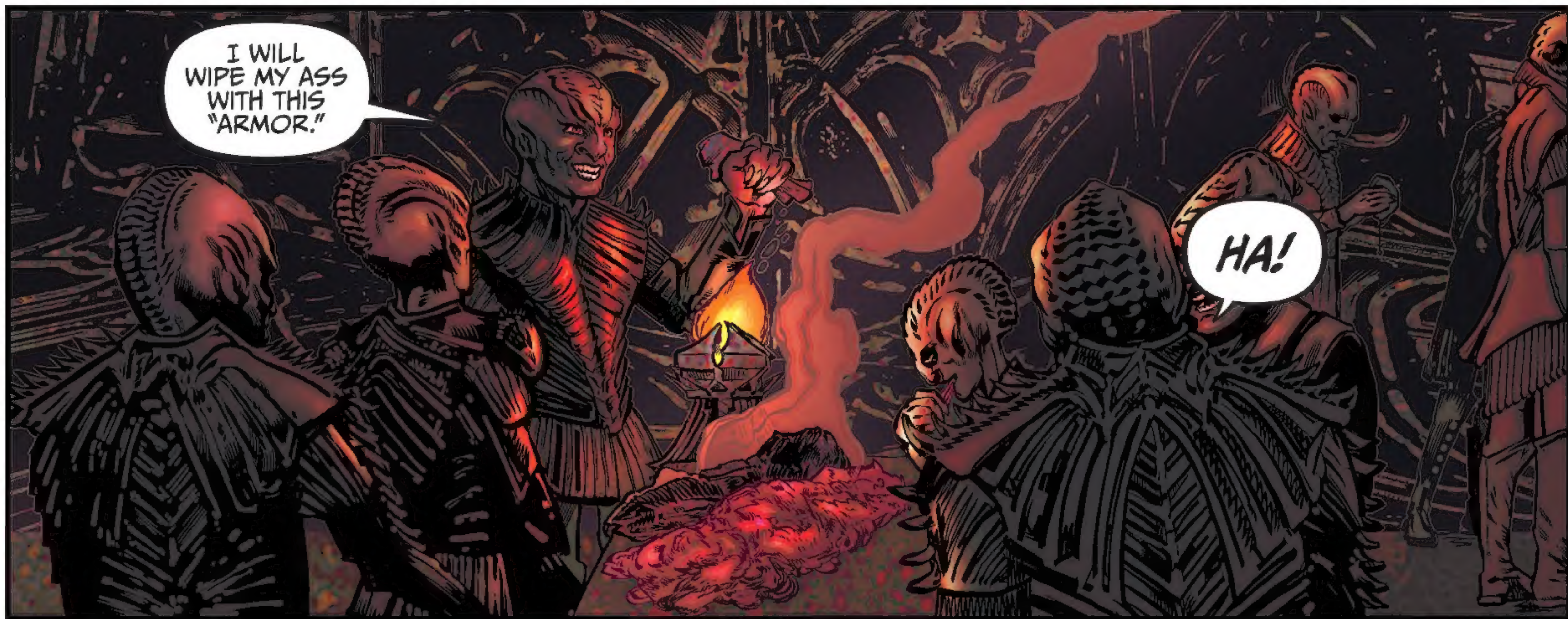
His great Flagship is crippled.

No help is coming
for the survivors.



THE HUMANS
CALL THIS
"ARMOR?"

*TRANSLATED
FROM KLINGON.



I WILL
WIPE MY ASS
WITH THIS
"ARMOR."

HA!



NOT UNTIL YOU
HAVE FINISHED
THE REPAIRS YOU
WERE ORDERED
TO BEGIN AN
HOUR AGO.



UNLESS YOU
PREFER THAT WE STAY
HERE, ADRIPT IN SPACE,
WIPING OUR ASSES WHILE
THE SUPPLIES WE HAVE
LEFT DWINDLE TO
NOTHING.



YES, VOQ.
WE WERE JUST
ABOUT TO GET
STARTED.

I HAVE NO
DOUBT.



NO DOUBT, VOQ?

WHY DON'T I BELIEVE YOU?



THEY WOULD NOT HAVE WASTED PRECIOUS TIME IF T'KUVMA WERE STILL HERE, L'RELL...



NO. THEY WOULD NOT.

THEY DO NOT RESPECT YOU.

YET.



WHAT HOPE DO I HAVE TO WIN THEIR LOYALTY?

T'KUVMA WAS A LEGEND. I AM JUST A SIMPLE KLINGON.



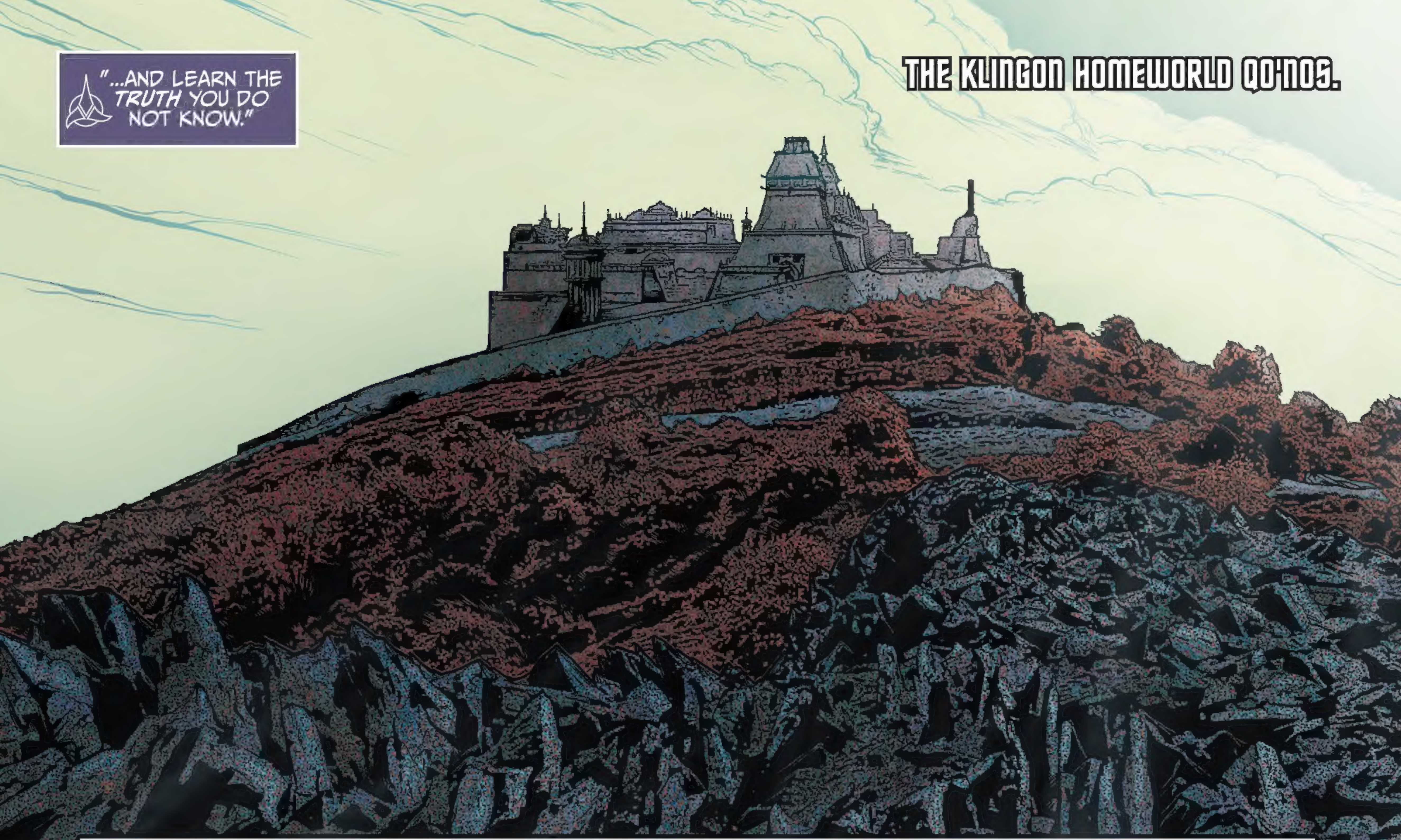
AND YET THE LEGEND CHOSE THE SIMPLE KLINGON TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE NOW.

IF YOU KNEW T'KUVMA AS I DID, YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND WHY HE CHOSE AS HE DID.

SO LISTEN, VOQ...

"...AND LEARN THE TRUTH YOU DO NOT KNOW."

THE KLINGON HOMEWORLD QO'NOS.



THE ANCESTRAL LANDS OF HOUSE GIRJAH.



WHERE ARE YOU GOING, RUNT?

COME BACK AND PLAY!

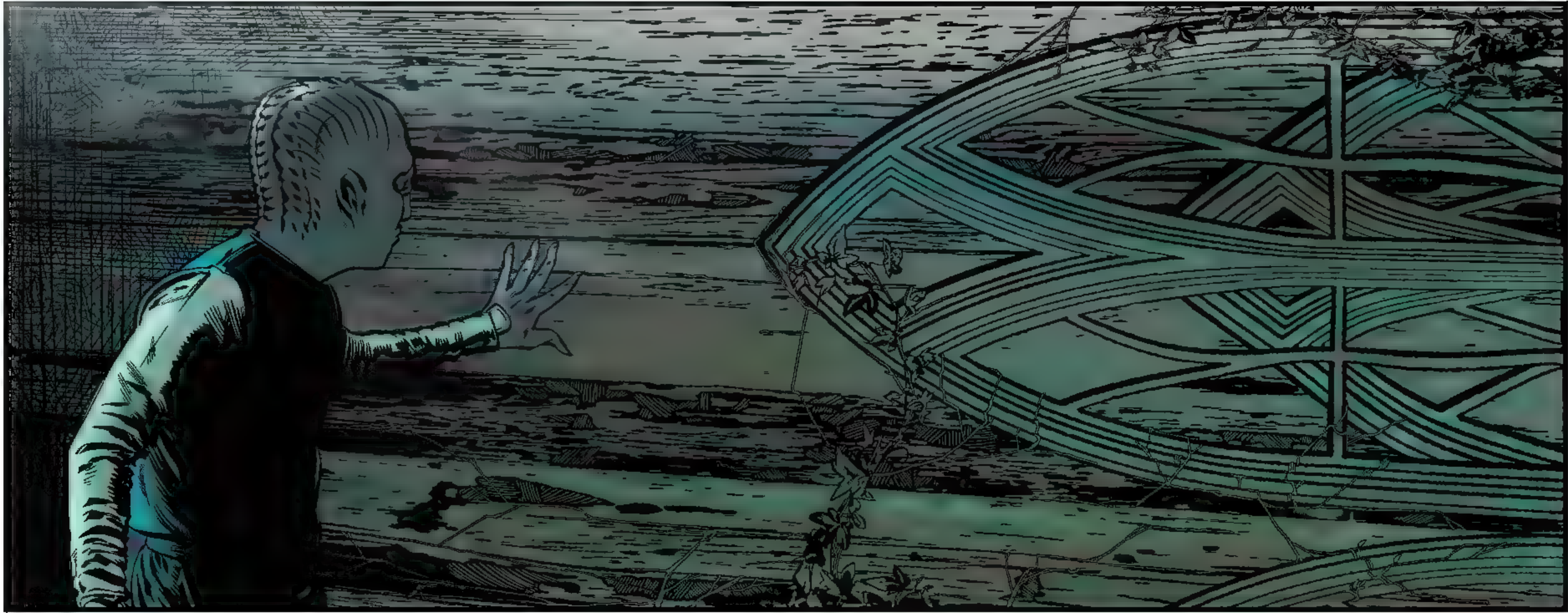


NOWHERE LEFT TO RUN, T'KUVMA!













IT'S ABOUT TIME.

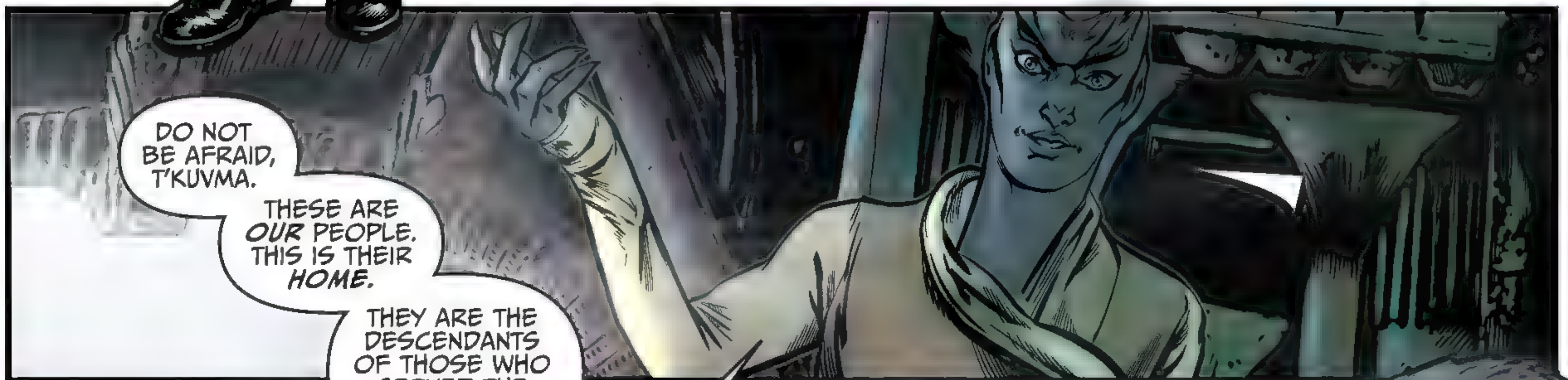


J'ULA!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?



STAY BACK!



DO NOT BE AFRAID, T'KUVMA.

THESE ARE OUR PEOPLE. THIS IS THEIR HOME.

THEY ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF THOSE WHO SERVED THE HOUSE OF GIRJAH.



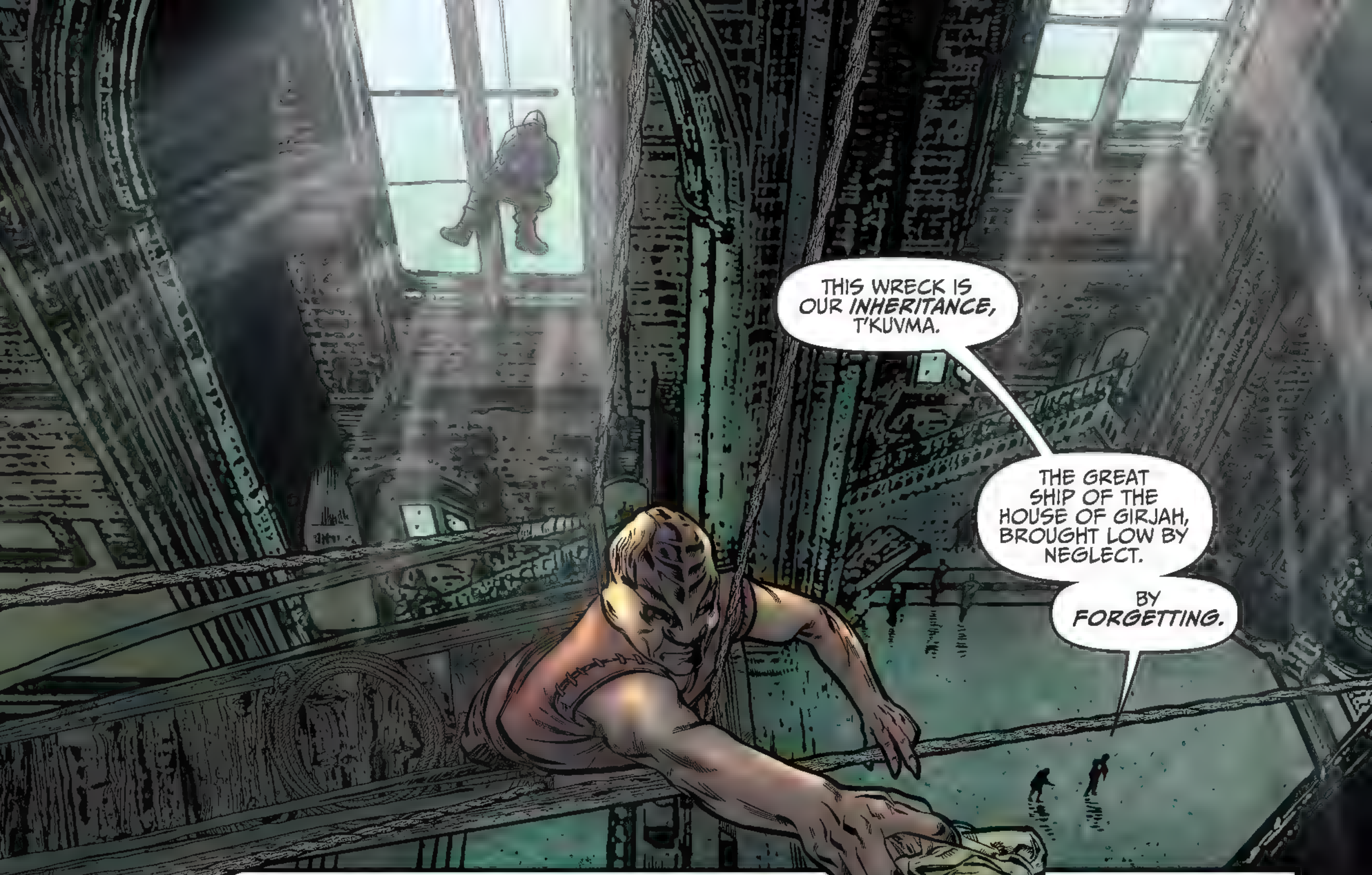
THOSE WHO WORKED OUR LAND, TENDED OUR FIELDS, CRAFTED THE TREASURES WITH WHICH OUR FAMILY ADORNED ITSELF.



THEY LIVE HERE?

IN THIS WRECK?

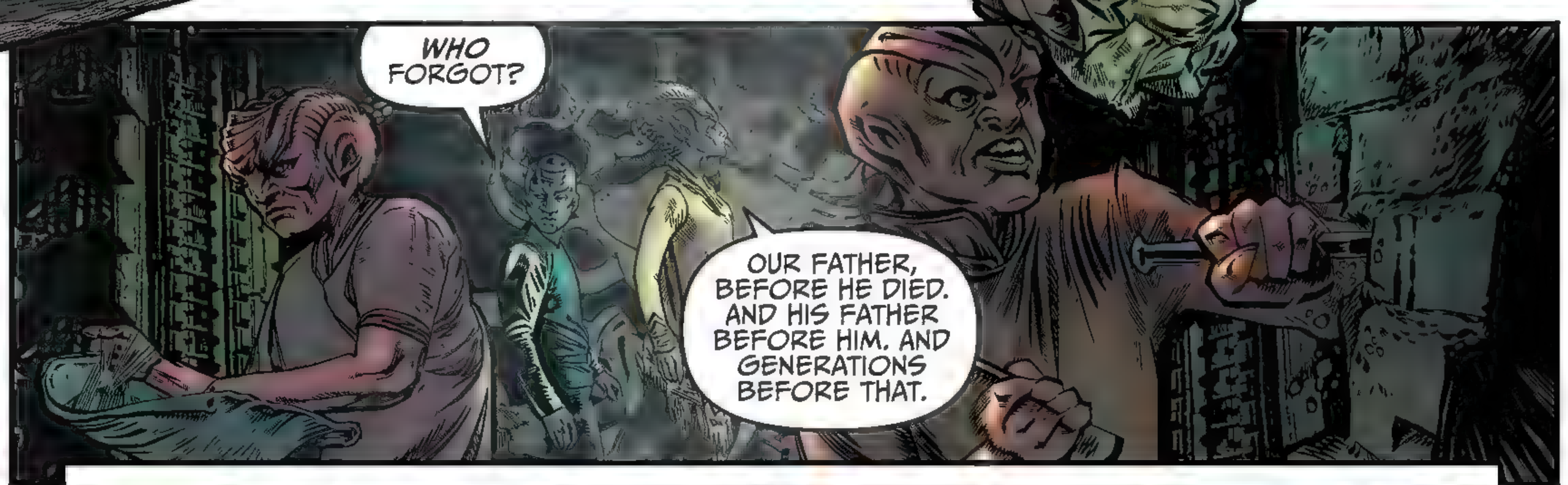
CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET, LITTLE BROTHER?



THIS WRECK IS
OUR INHERITANCE,
T'KUVMA.

THE GREAT
SHIP OF THE
HOUSE OF GIRJAH,
BROUGHT LOW BY
NEGLECT.

BY
FORGETTING.



WHO
FORGOT?

OUR FATHER,
BEFORE HE DIED.
AND HIS FATHER
BEFORE HIM. AND
GENERATIONS
BEFORE THAT.



WHAT
HAPPENED TO
THE SHIP? WHY
DID FATHER
NEVER SPEAK
OF IT?



BECAUSE IT IS
THE SOURCE OF OUR
FAMILY'S GREATEST
SHAME. IT WAS BUILT
CENTURIES AGO, BUT BY
THE TIME IT WAS READY
TO FLY, OUR FAMILY'S
FORTUNES HAD
TURNED.

WE LOST OUR
SEAT ON THE HIGH
COUNCIL. SINCE FATHER'S
PASSING, OUR UNCLE IS
ONLY CONCERNED WITH
KEEPING HOLD OF WHAT
LITTLE WE HAVE LEFT.

BUT WE
ARE STILL
A GREAT
HOUSE!



ARE
WE, LITTLE
BROTHER?

COME
AND SEE.

WHAT IS THIS THING?

PATIENCE, T'KUVMA.

LOOK.
LEARN.

DO YOU SEE OUR HOUSE? OUR WALLS?

NOW SEE WHERE OUR WALLS ONCE STOOD, BEFORE GRANDFATHER SOLD OFF WHAT FERTILE LAND REMAINED TO PAY HIS DEBTS.

SEE WHERE THE PEOPLE WHO ONCE DEPENDED ON OUR FAMILY NOW CLING TO A HOPELESS EXISTENCE.

OUR FAMILY HAS FORGOTTEN WHAT IT IS TO **DEFEND** OUR HOUSE.

TO **PROVIDE** FOR OUR PEOPLE.

TO FACE ADVERSITIES WITH A PROUD SPIRIT, AND PERFORM OUR DUTIES WITH **HONOR**.

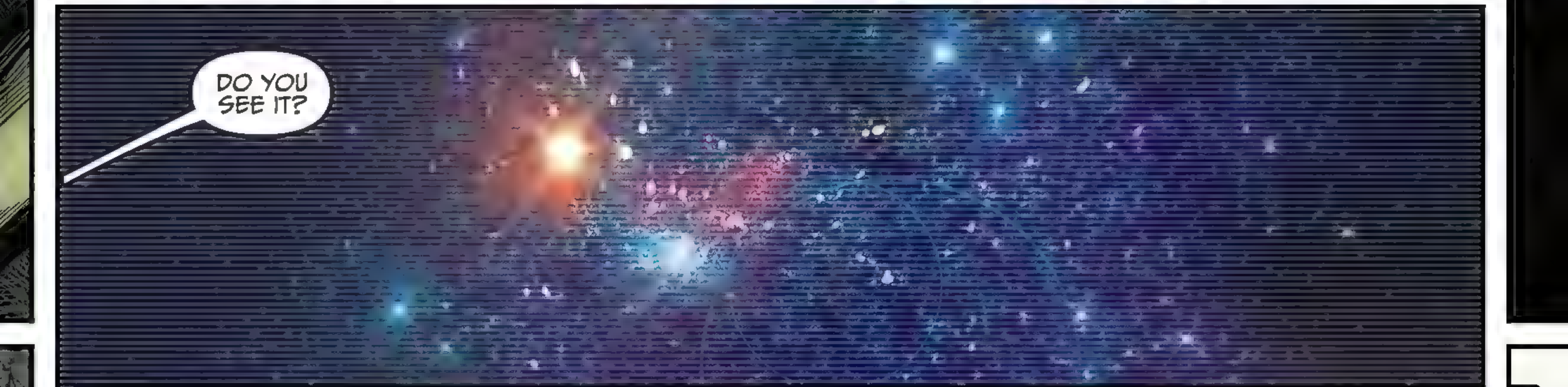
THIS DECLINE SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE EMPIRE. EVEN TO THE **HIGH COUNCIL** ITSELF.

WE HAVE BECOME A RACE OF GREEDY, SQUABBLING FAILURES.

WE HAVE FORGOTTEN WHAT IT IS TO BE **KLINGON**.



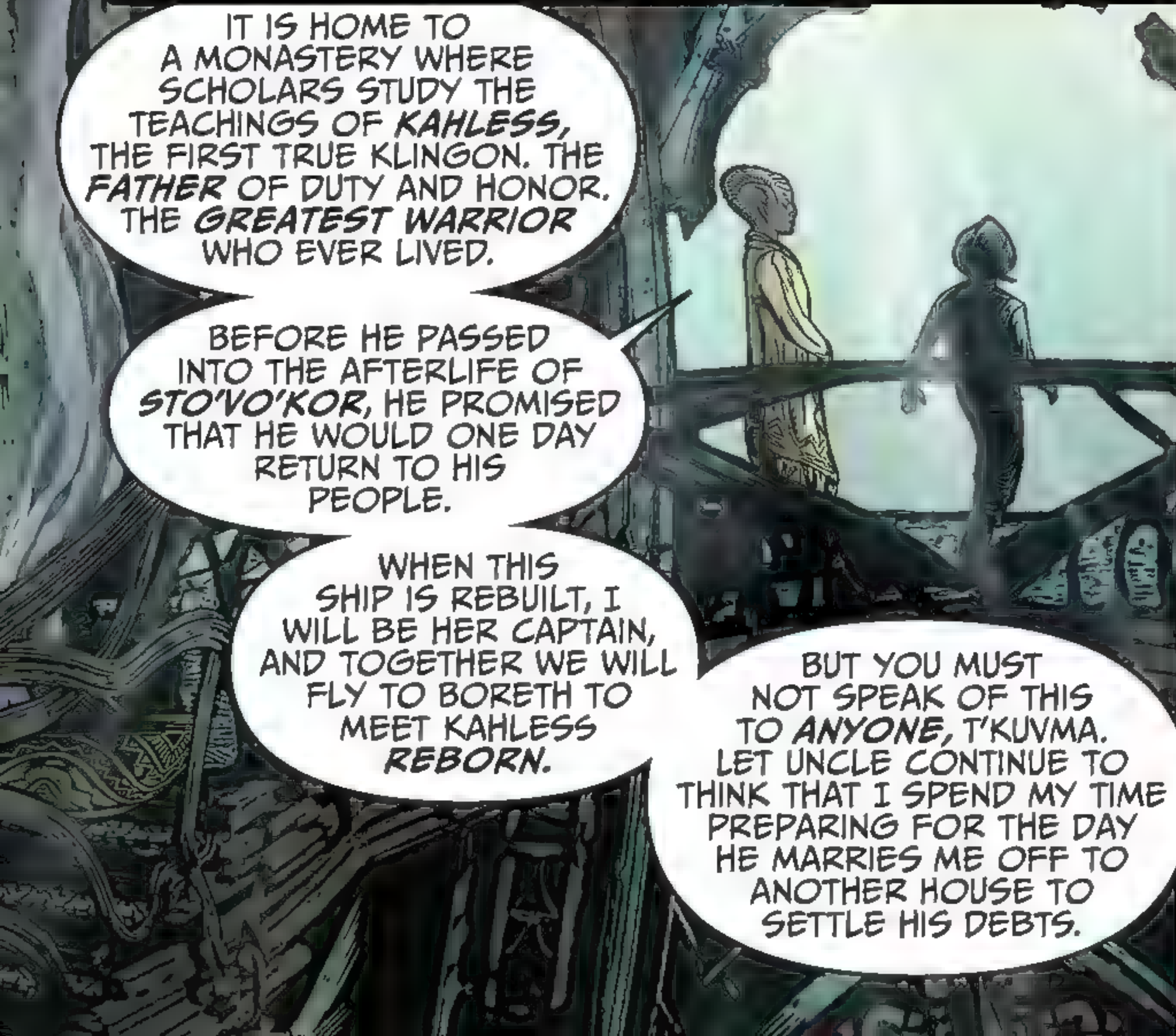
NOW, LOOK
TO THE SKIES
ABOVE.



DO YOU
SEE IT?

THE
BRIGHTEST
STAR.

THAT IS
BORETH.



IT IS HOME TO
A MONASTERY WHERE
SCHOLARS STUDY THE
TEACHINGS OF **KAHLESS**,
THE FIRST TRUE KLINGON. THE
FATHER OF DUTY AND HONOR.
THE **GREATEST WARRIOR**
WHO EVER LIVED.

BEFORE HE PASSED
INTO THE AFTERLIFE OF
STO'VO'KOR, HE PROMISED
THAT HE WOULD ONE DAY
RETURN TO HIS
PEOPLE.

WHEN THIS
SHIP IS REBUILT, I
WILL BE HER CAPTAIN,
AND TOGETHER WE WILL
FLY TO **BORETH** TO
MEET **KAHLESS**
REBORN.

BUT YOU MUST
NOT SPEAK OF THIS
TO **ANYONE**, T'KUVMA.
LET UNCLE CONTINUE TO
THINK THAT I SPEND MY TIME
PREPARING FOR THE DAY
HE MARRIES ME OFF TO
ANOTHER HOUSE TO
SETTLE HIS DEBTS.



IF HE, OR
OUR BROTHERS,
DISCOVER WHAT WE
ARE PLANNING, ALL
WILL BE LOST.

I WILL BE
SILENT.

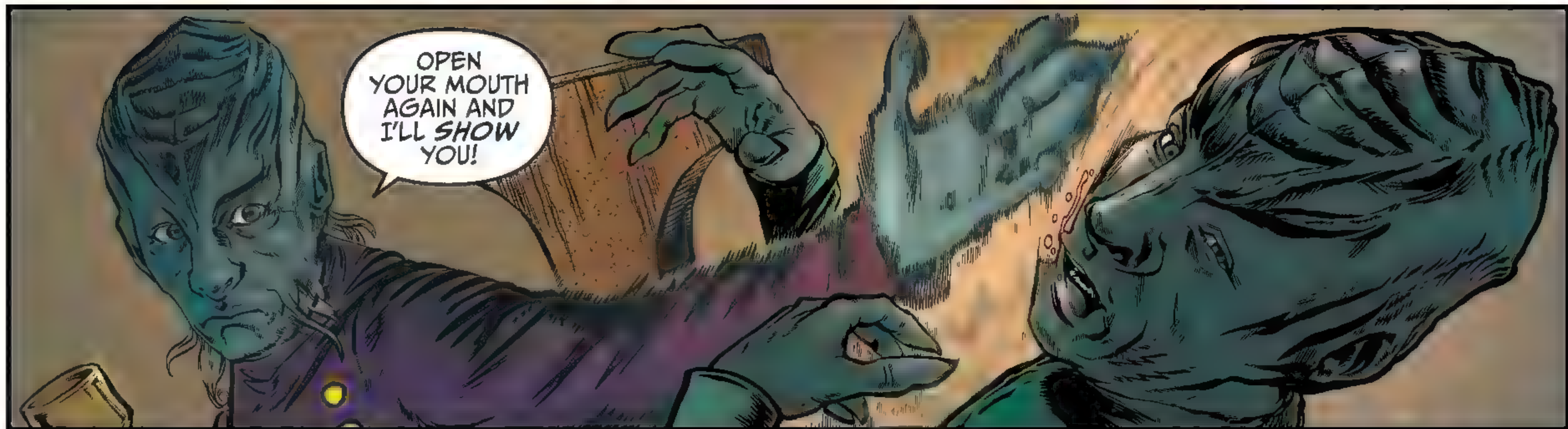


T'KUVMA STAYED TRUE TO HIS PLEDGE

"HIS EYES WERE OPEN NOW TO THE DECLINE OF HIS ANCESTRAL HOUSE."

GAH! THIS BLOODWINE TASTES LIKE TARG PISS. WE CAN AFFORD A BETTER VINTAGE, SURELY!

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT TARG PISS TASTES LIKE, UNCLE?



OPEN YOUR MOUTH AGAIN AND I'LL SHOW YOU!



T'KUVMA! I HEARD YOU TURNED THE TABLES ON THESE FOUR INGRATES TODAY!

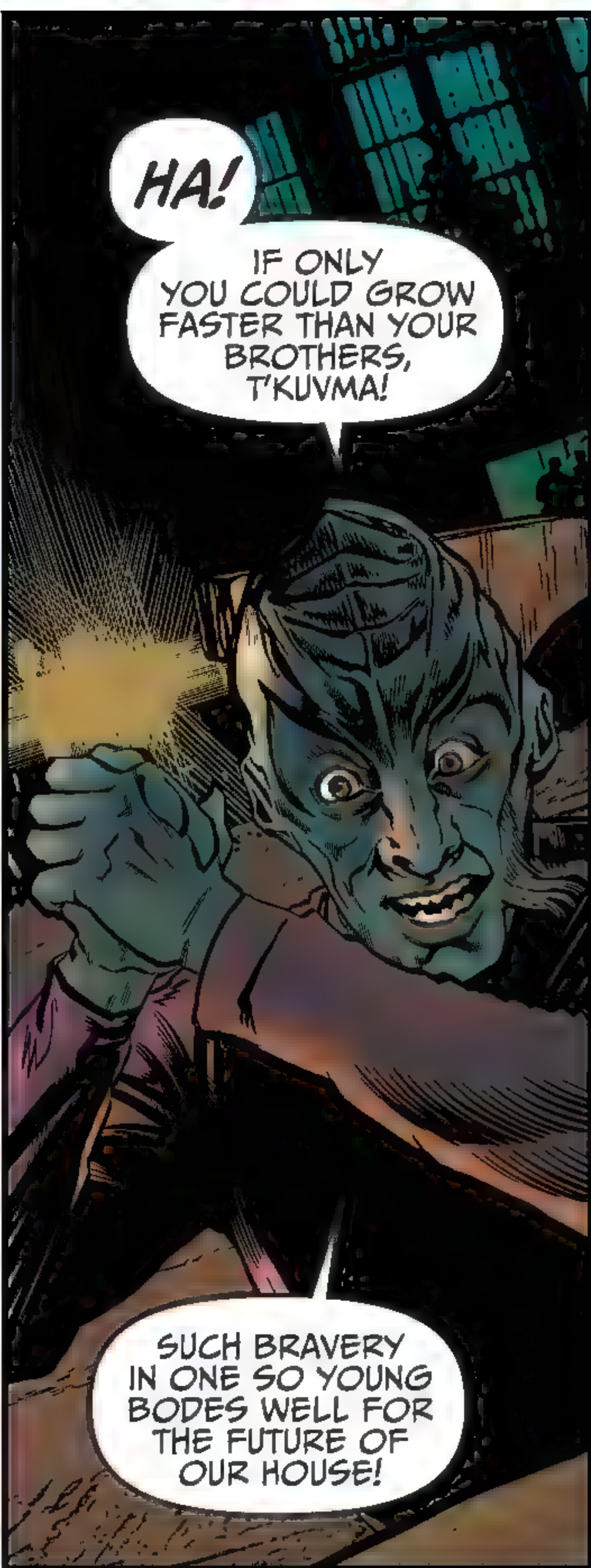
TELL ME, HOW DID YOU ESCAPE?



I...
...I WENT INTO THE FOREST BEYOND THE FIELDS AND...



...AND MY BROTHERS WERE TOO SCARED TO FOLLOW!



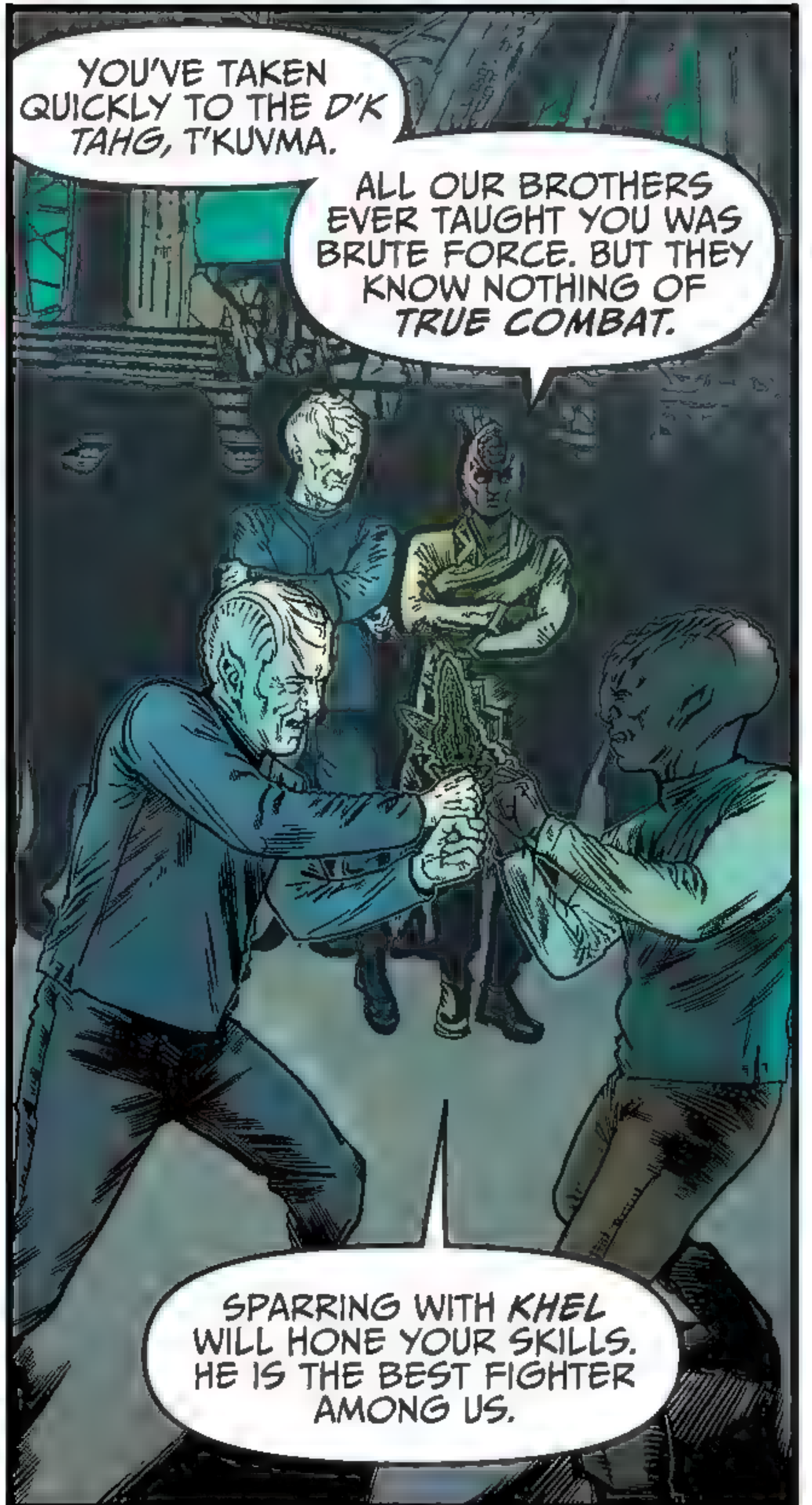
HA!

IF ONLY YOU COULD GROW FASTER THAN YOUR BROTHERS, T'KUVMA!

SUCH BRAVERY IN ONE SO YOUNG BODES WELL FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR HOUSE!



"IT WAS THE RUINED SHIP THAT BECAME T'KUVMA'S TRUE HOME NOW."



YOU'VE TAKEN QUICKLY TO THE D'K TAHG, T'KUVMA.

ALL OUR BROTHERS EVER TAUGHT YOU WAS BRUTE FORCE. BUT THEY KNOW NOTHING OF TRUE COMBAT.

SPARRING WITH KHEL WILL HONE YOUR SKILLS. HE IS THE BEST FIGHTER AMONG US.



WHUP--!

I'M HAPPY TO TEACH YOU, T'KUVMA!

INDEED, MY LADY. KHEL HONORS ME WITH HIS DEDICATION TO THE TRUE PATH.



DO NOT LET DEFEAT DISCOURAGE YOU, T'KUVMA.

LEARN FROM IT.

I WANT TO TRY THE BAT'LETH!



THE WEIGHT OF IT WOULD SEND YOU BACKWARDS. ALL IN GOOD TIME.

I'M SURE THE MONKS OF BORETH WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO TEACH YOU WHEN YOU ARE TALL ENOUGH.



THE FAMILY CRYPT OF HOUSE GIRJAH.



I REFUSE TO PAY
YOU FOR SUCH POOR
CRAFTSMANSHIP!



THIS
SARCOPHAGUS
LOOKS NOTHING LIKE
MY BROTHER!

HOW DO
YOU EXPECT ME
TO PLACE IT HERE
AMONG OUR
ANCESTORS?



FIND SOME UNKNOWN
DEPTH OF TALENT IN YOUR
FINGERS, OR I'LL SEE YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY EXILED
FROM THIS PROVINCE
FOREVER!



AH, T'KUVMA!
PERHAPS I SHOULD TURN
THE TASK OVER TO YOU?
SURELY A CHILD COULD
DO BETTER!



THE DERELICT SHIP.

I AM...
PLEASED
FOR YOU,
T'KUVMA.

BUT I DON'T
WANT TO GO ALONE,
J'ULA! I WANT TO HELP
YOU REBUILD THE SHIP, AND
YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE
CAPTAIN AND WE'LL FLY
TO BORETH TOGETHER
AND—

T'KUVMA.
NOTHING HAS
CHANGED.

YOU WILL
GO THERE FIRST, TO
BEGIN YOUR STUDY. IN TIME
WE WILL ALL MEET YOU
THERE, AND TOGETHER WE
WILL LEARN THE WAYS OF
KAHLESS AND PREPARE A
GRAND FUTURE FOR
ALL KLINGONS.

TO BE AFRAID IS
TO BE UNWORTHY.
GO NOW WITH
HONOR.

WHY DID YOU
LIE TO HIM?

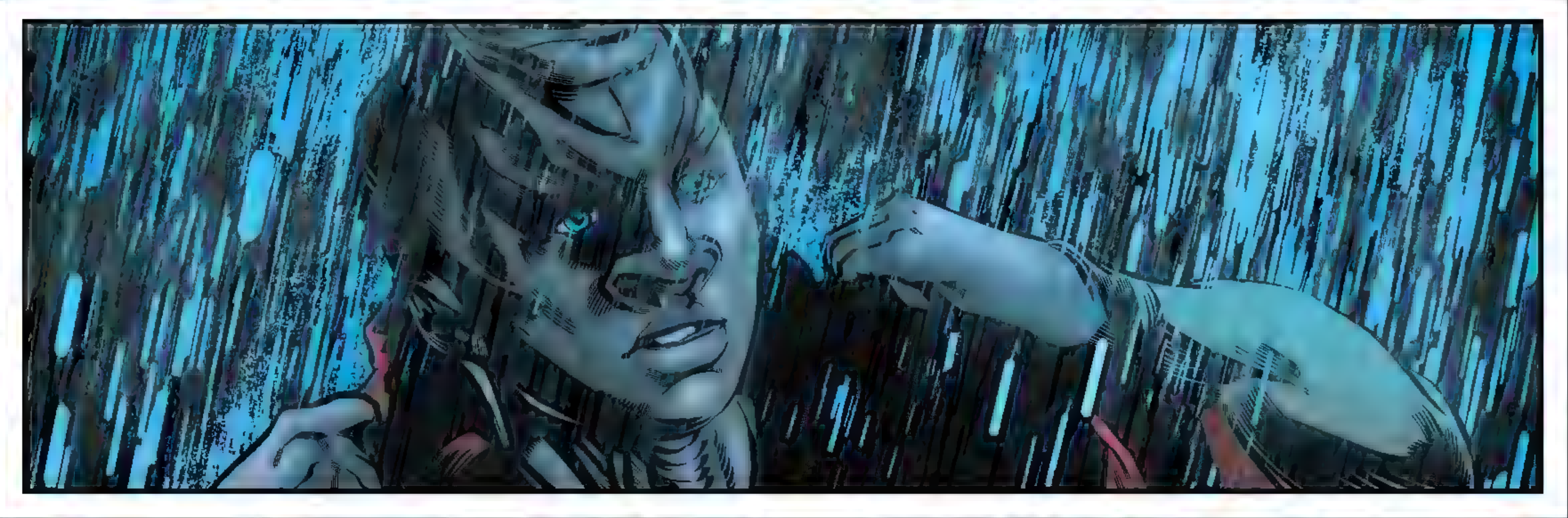
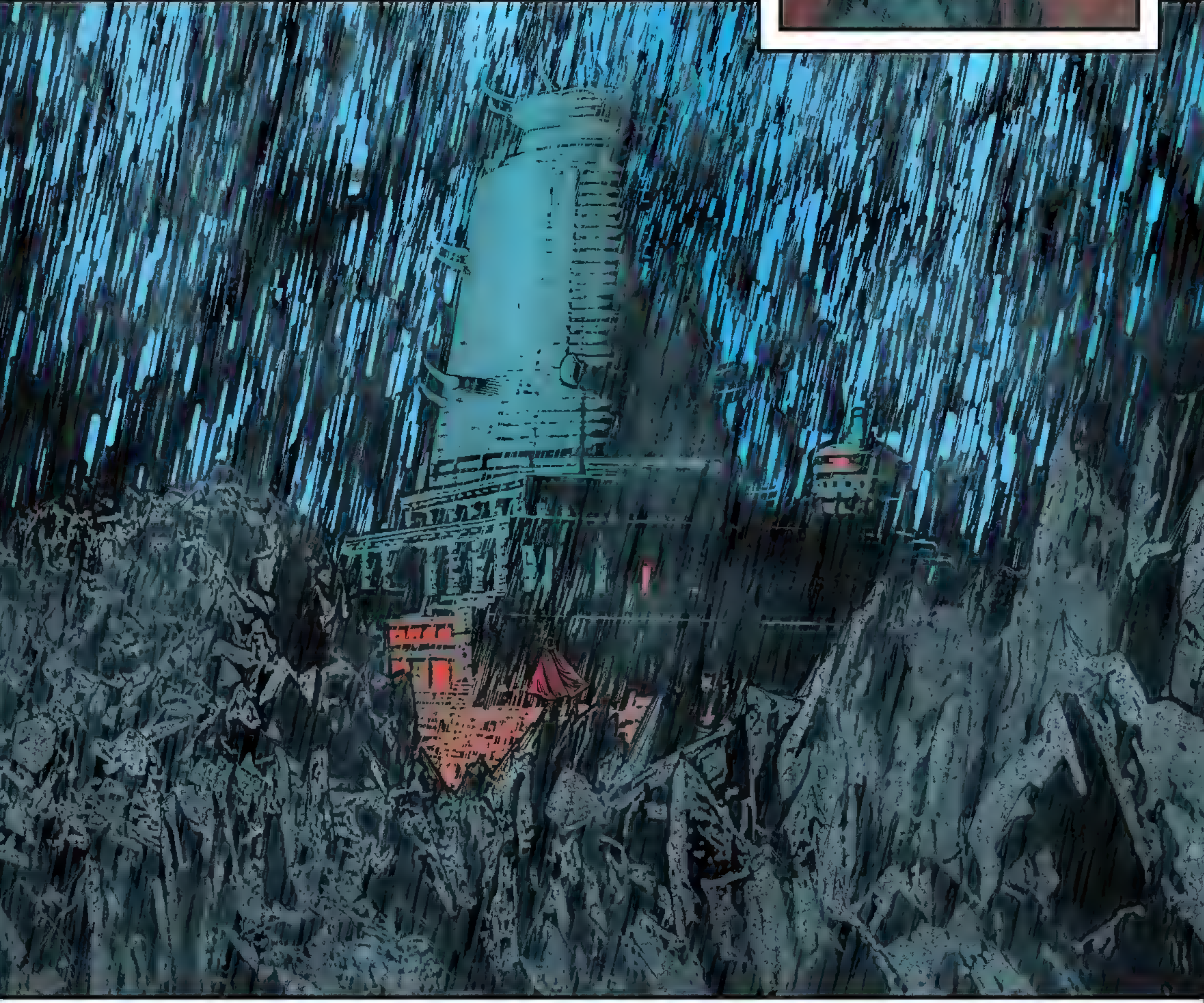
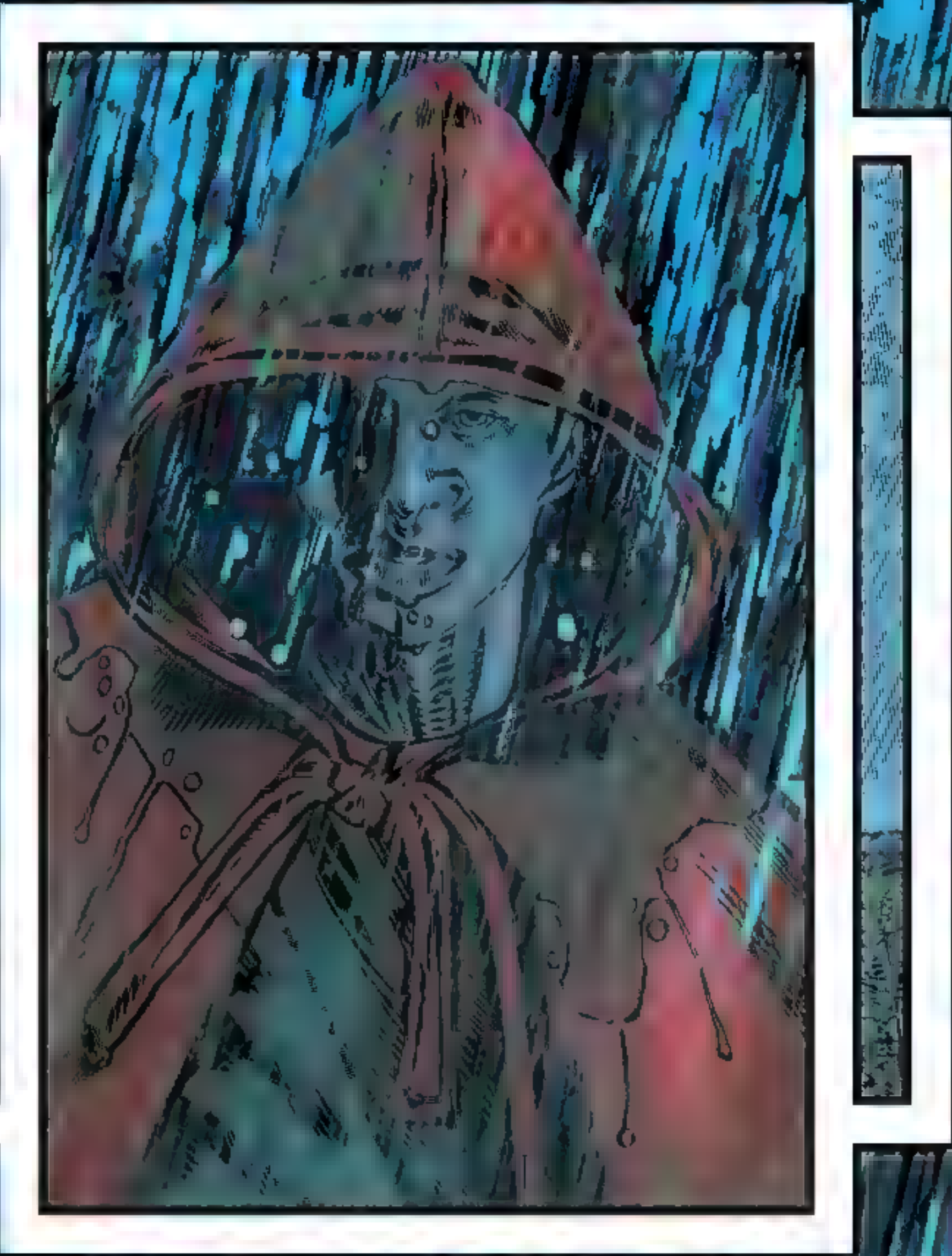
WYAAH!

WHY DID
YOU LIE TO
HIM?

MY UNCLE
WOULD NEVER
SEND A FEMALE
TO BORETH,
KHEL.

THE FUTURE
OF OUR HOUSE
NOW RESTS ON
T'KUVMA'S SMALL
SHOULDERS.

BORETH.





ART BY TONY SHASTEEN



YOU EXPECT ME
TO BELIEVE **

*TRANSLATED FROM
THE KLINGON.

...THAT IT WAS
T'KUVMA'S *SISTER*
WHO FIRST HAD THE
DREAM TO UNITE
THE EMPIRE?

YOU SOUND
DISAPPOINTED,
VOQ.

TELL ME, ARE YOU
DISAPPOINTED THAT THE
GREAT T'KUVMA WAS
NOT THE FIRST?

OR THAT THE FIRST
TO HAVE THE DREAM
WAS *FEMALE*?

NEITHER.

I SIMPLY DO NOT
UNDERSTAND WHY HE
DID NOT SHARE THIS
STORY WITH HIS
PEOPLE.

J'ULA
WAS JUST THE
SPARK....

"...BUT IT WAS ON
BORETH THAT THE
FLAME WOULD
TRULY GROW."

BORETH.
THE CAVES OF NO'MAT.
THE CAULDRON OF TAK'LA POKH.

A GOOD CROP
THIS SEASON,
DURGON.

THEY ARE
LASTING LONGER IN
THE CAULDRON THAN
PREVIOUS ONES.

YOU MUST
RAISE YOUR
STANDARDS,
BOLOR.

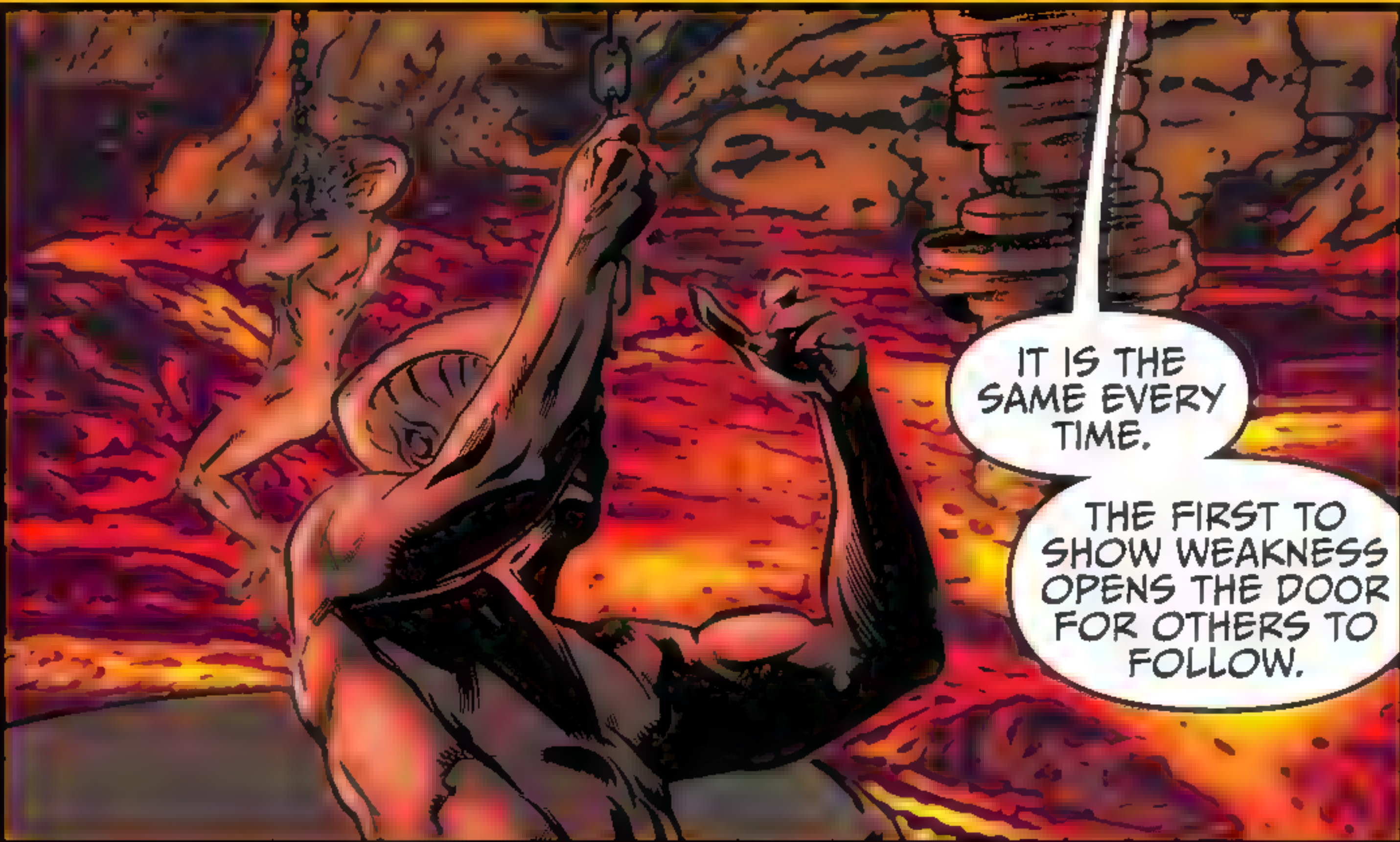
EVERY STUDENT
WHO ENTERS OUR GATES
SHOULD BE ABLE TO BEAR
THE HEAT OF TAK'LA POKH
UNTIL WE OFFER THEM
RESPIRE.





OBSERVE.

THE FIRST
TO FAIL.



IT IS THE
SAME EVERY
TIME.

THE FIRST TO
SHOW WEAKNESS
OPENS THE DOOR
FOR OTHERS TO
FOLLOW.



KAHLESS WILL
NEVER MAKE HIMSELF
KNOWN TO THOSE WHO
CANNOT ENDURE
THE FLAME.



I...NHH...
I AM SORRY,
MASTERS...

APOLOGIZE
AGAIN AND WE
WILL SEND YOU
BACK DOWN.

WITHOUT
A WAY UP.



LOOK THERE,
DURGON...

...ONLY ONE
REMAINS.



T'KUVMA
IS HIS NAME,
OF HOUSE
GIRJAH.

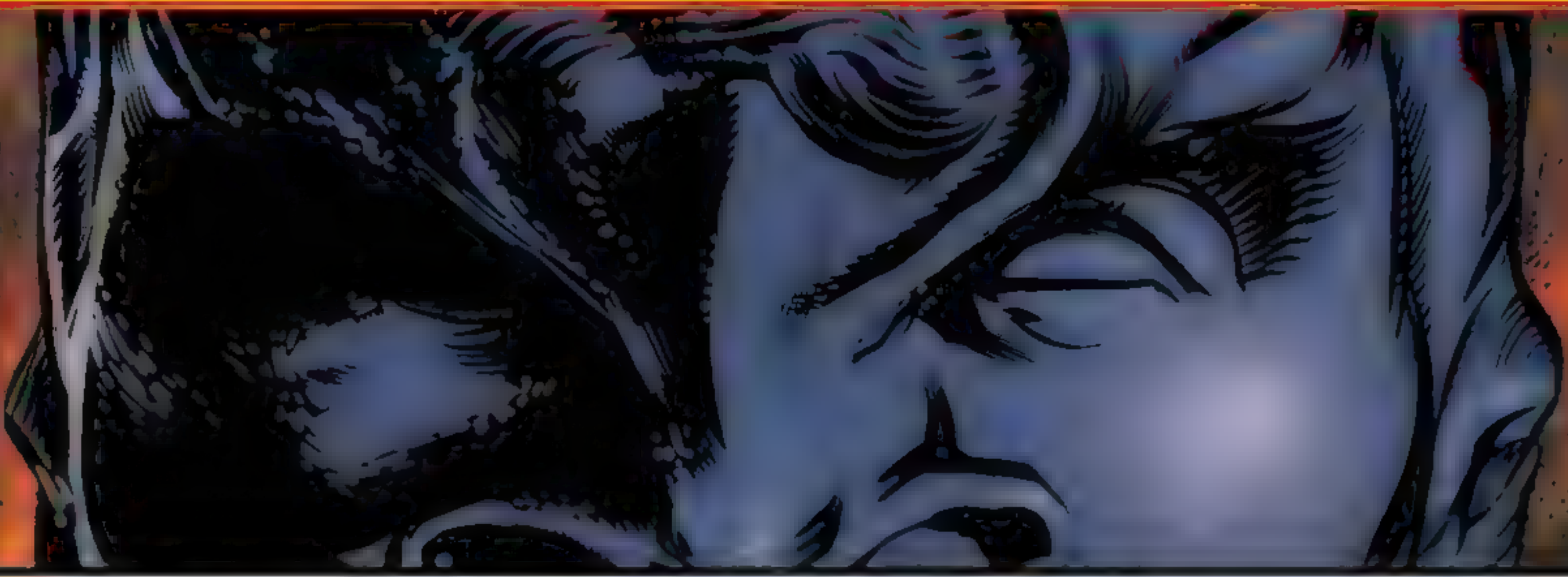
I WOULD
NOT EXPECT SUCH
STRENGTH FROM
ONE OF SUCH A
LOWLY HOUSE.

HOUSE MATTERS
NOT ONCE YOU
ENTER THE GATES
OF BORETH.

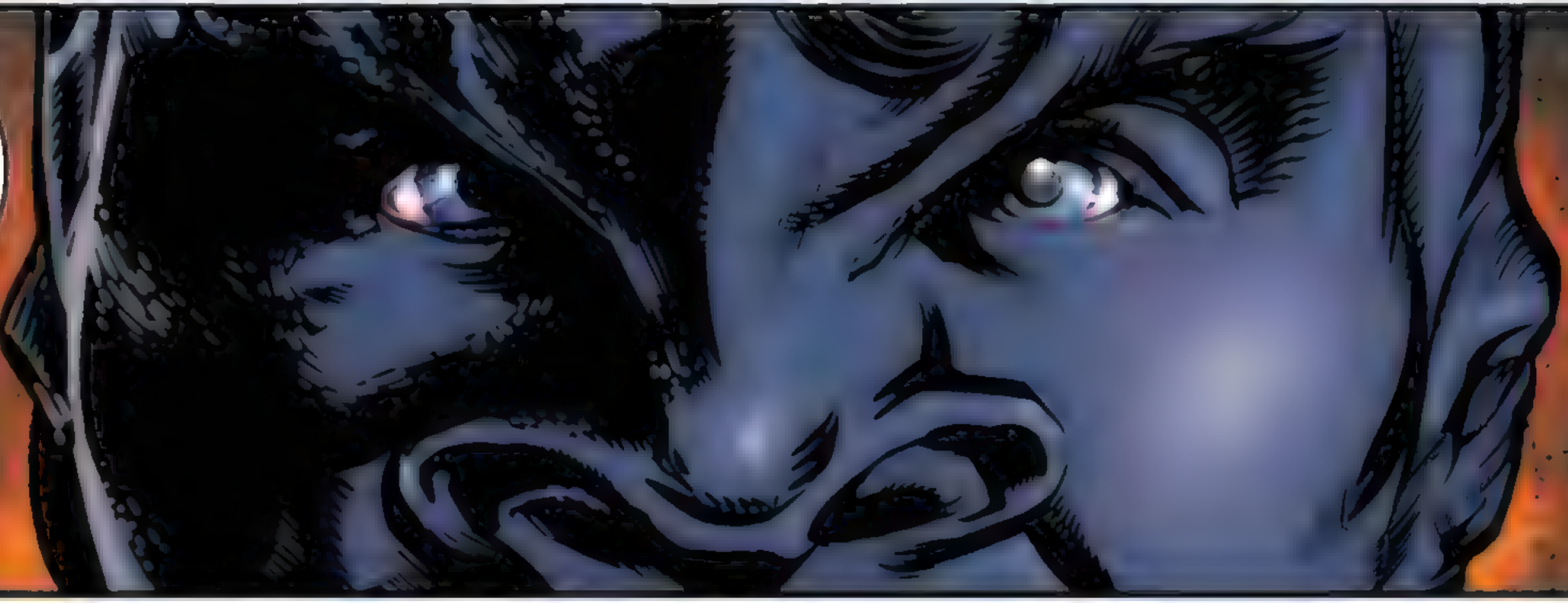


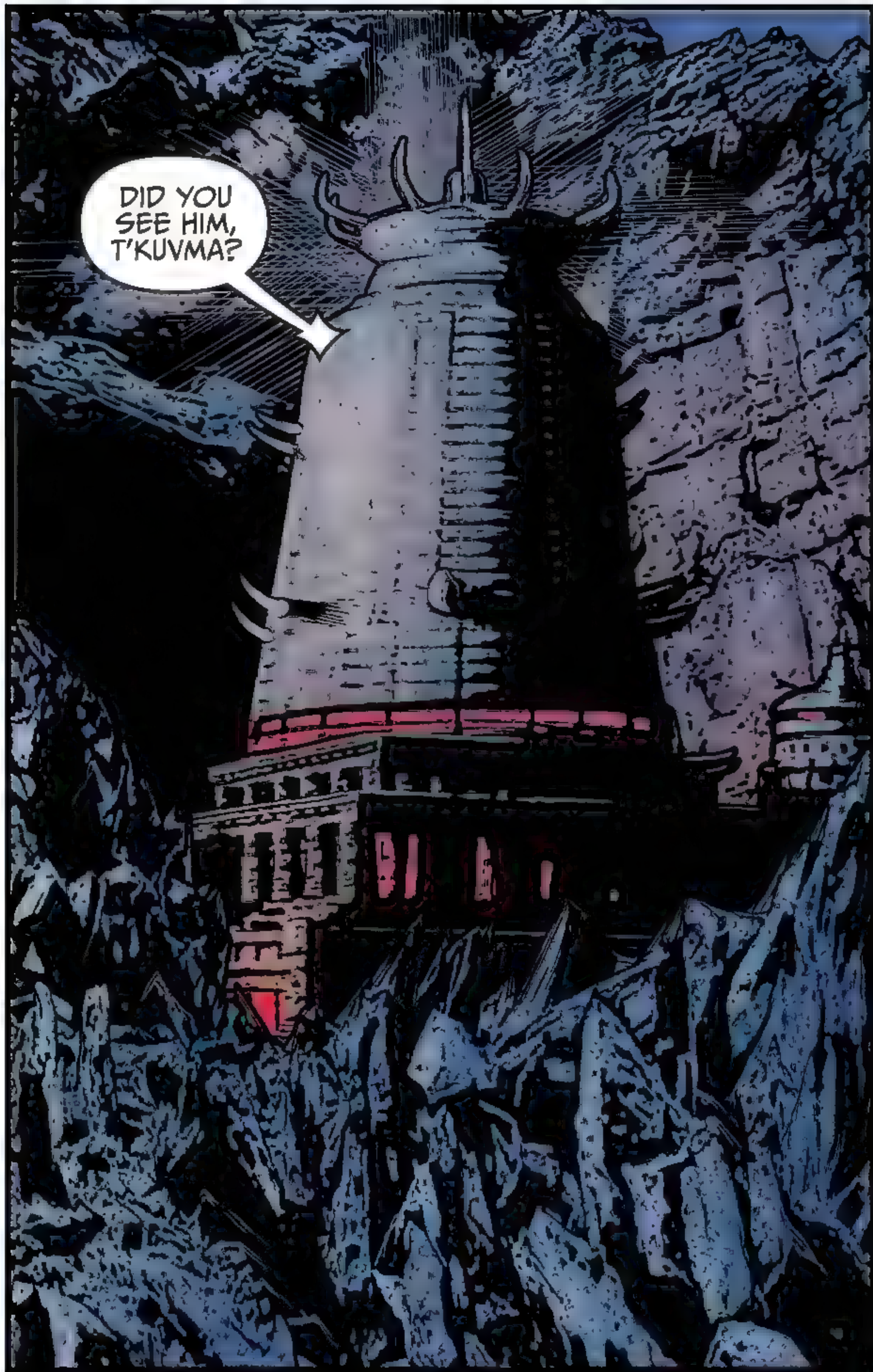
IN THE EYES OF
KAHLESS, ALL HOUSES
WERE EQUAL.

THE LONGER
YOUNG T'KUVMA
ENDURES, THE
GREATER THE
CHANCE...



...THAT
KAHLESS
WILL
REVEAL
HIMSELF.



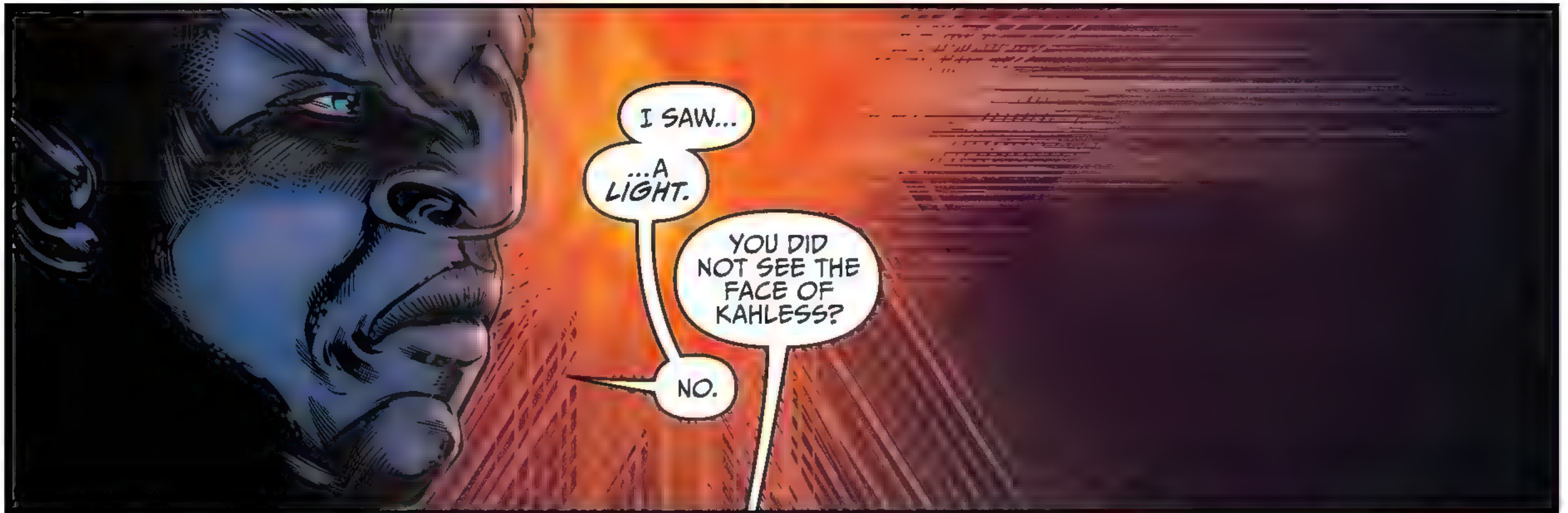


DID YOU
SEE HIM,
T'KUVMA?



YOU STAYED
IN THE CAVERN
LONGER THAN ANY
STUDENT I HAVE
EVER KNOWN.

SURELY KAHLESS
REVEALED HIMSELF
TO YOU.



I SAW...

...A
LIGHT.

YOU DID
NOT SEE THE
FACE OF
KAHLESS?

NO.



IT IS PROPHESED
THAT KAHLESS WILL REVEAL
HIMSELF TO THE ONE WHO
WILL CARRY HIS SPIRIT
WITHIN.

WHO WILL *BECOME*
KAHLESS, REBORN.

THERE IS NO
MENTION IN THE
PROPHECY OF
A LIGHT.



AND
YET I CANNOT
DISMISS YOUR
VISION.

I BELIEVE IT
IS A SIGN.

IN THE YEARS
TO COME, AS YOU
COMPLETE YOUR
EDUCATION ON
BORETH...



"...YOU MUST TELL
ME WHEN THE
VISION RETURNS."



WHERE ARE YOU
LEADING US, TAKUN? I
THINK YOU'RE LOST!

SHUT YOUR
MOUTH OR
I'LL SHUT IT
FOR YOU.

F'KATH!
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

LEAVE
HIM.

HE WILL
DIE!

THAT IS THE
POINT OF THIS
TRIAL, MOKH.

IF YOU CANNOT
SURVIVE A NIGHT ON THE
MOUNTAIN, EXPOSED
TO THE ELEMENTS...

...YOU ARE NOT
WORTHY.

IT WILL BE DAWN SOON.
THIS IS THE WORST STORM
IN YEARS. HOW MANY DO YOU
THINK WE WILL LOSE?

THAT IS NOT
THE QUESTION.

THE QUESTION
IS HOW MANY
WILL SURVIVE?

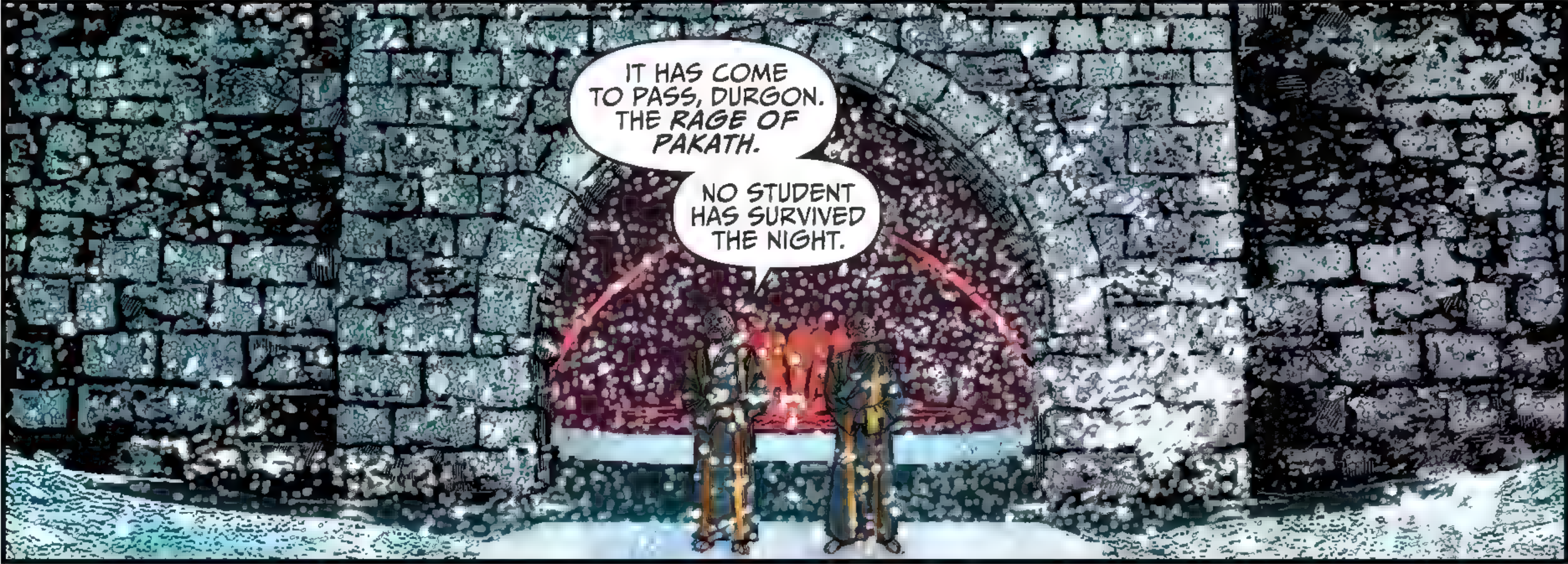
...W-WE...
DIE T-TONIGHT,
TAKUN...

...D-DIE...
WITHOUT...
H-HONOR...

...IT IS...
AS K-KAHLESS...
W-WILLS IT....

FOLLOW
ME.

T...T'KUVMA...?



IT HAS COME
TO PASS, DURGON.
THE RAGE OF
PAKATH.

NO STUDENT
HAS SURVIVED
THE NIGHT.



NO,
DURGON.



LOOK.



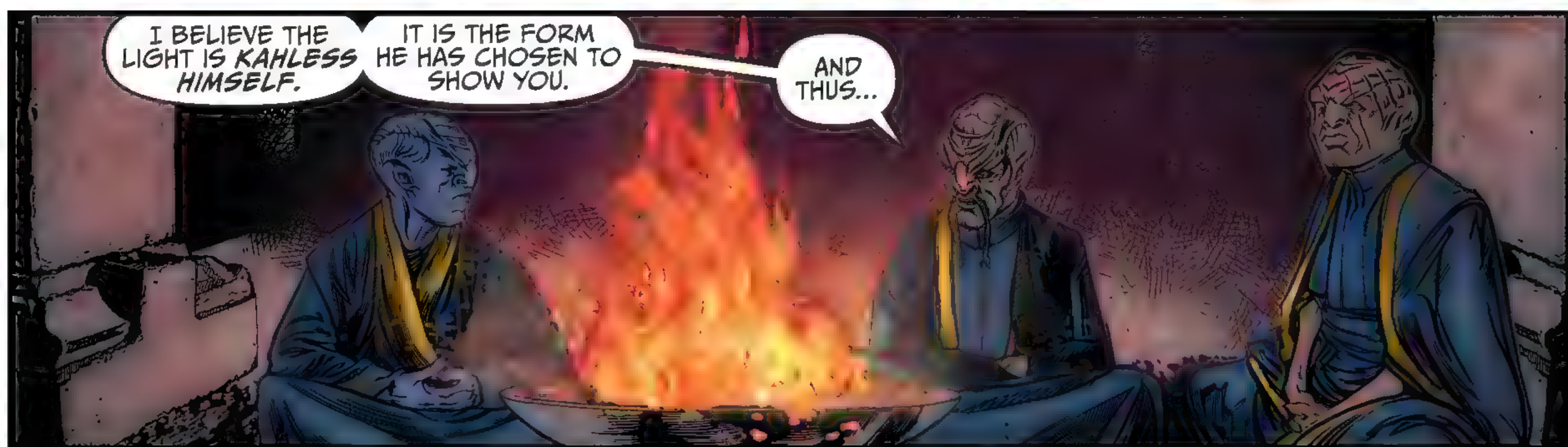
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IT WAS
THE SAME LIGHT
I HAVE SEEN IN
TIMES OF TRIAL
DURING MY
YEARS HERE.

IT WAS
MY GUIDE. IT
GAVE ME
WARMTH.

IT SAVED
US ALL.



I BELIEVE THE
LIGHT IS **KAHLESS**
HIMSELF.

IT IS THE FORM
HE HAS CHOSEN TO
SHOW YOU.

AND
THUS...

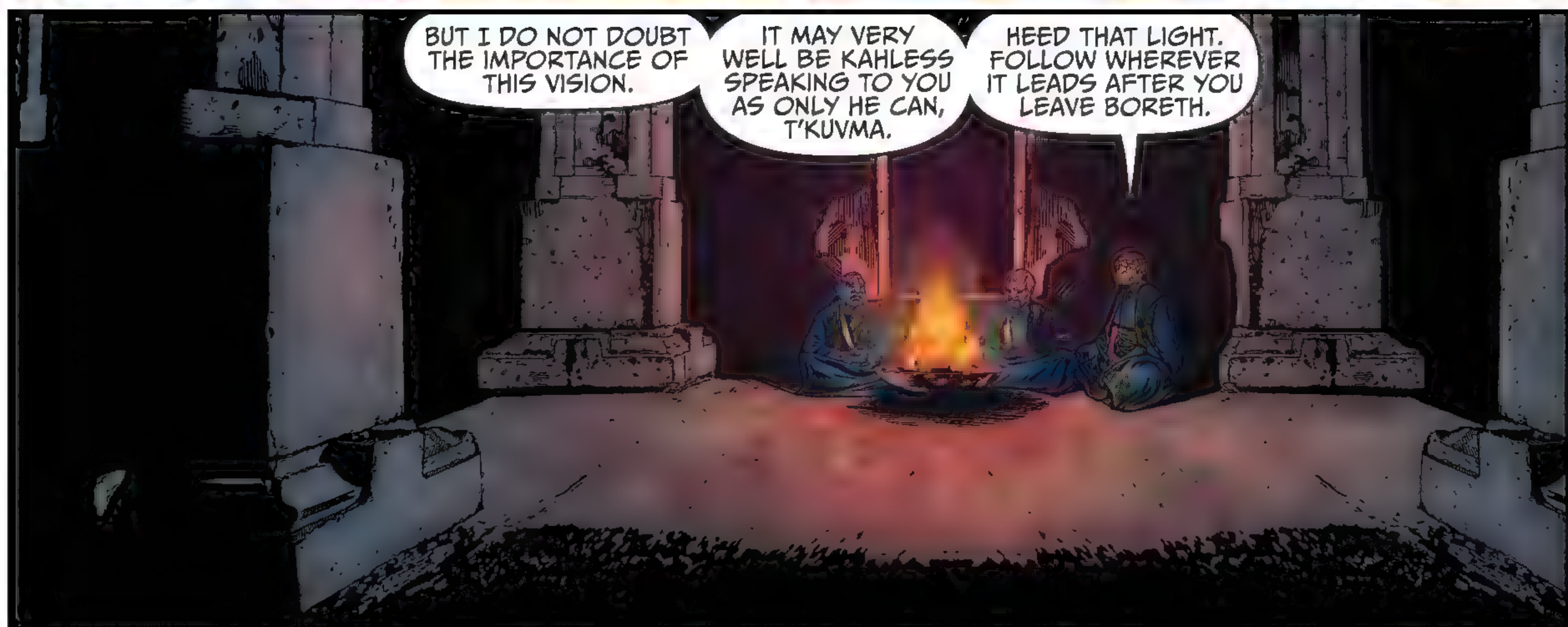


...YOU ARE HE,
REBORN.



NONSENSE!

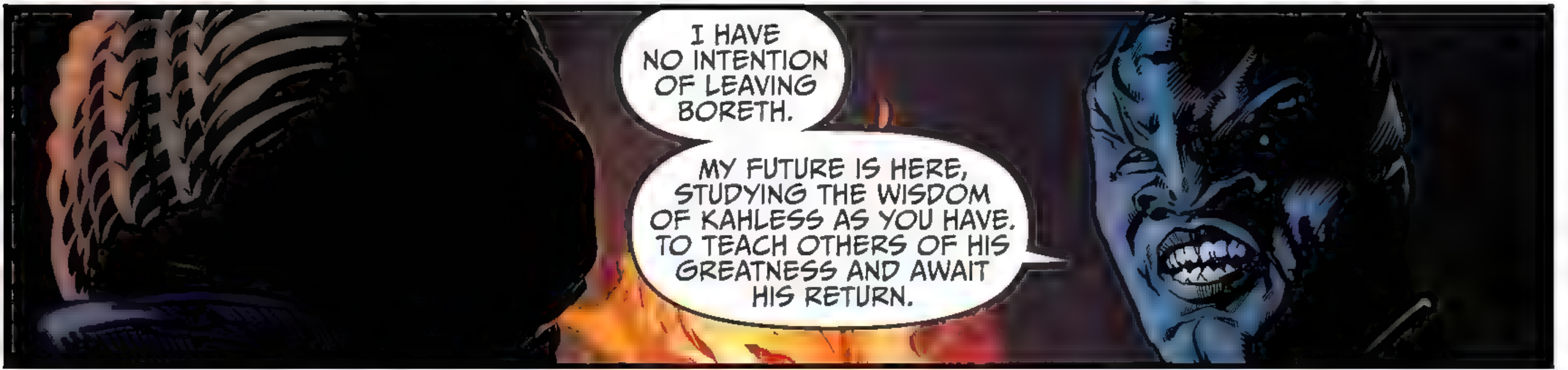
IF HE WAS **KAHLESS**
REBORN, THERE WOULD
BE A SIGN FOR ALL
OF US TO SEE.



BUT I DO NOT DOUBT
THE IMPORTANCE OF
THIS VISION.

IT MAY VERY
WELL BE **KAHLESS**
SPEAKING TO YOU
AS ONLY HE CAN,
T'KUVMA.

HEED THAT LIGHT.
FOLLOW WHEREVER
IT LEADS AFTER YOU
LEAVE **BORETH.**



I HAVE
NO INTENTION
OF LEAVING
BORETH.

MY FUTURE IS HERE,
STUDYING THE WISDOM
OF KAHLESS AS YOU HAVE.
TO TEACH OTHERS OF HIS
GREATNESS AND AWAIT
HIS RETURN.



YOUR FUTURE
IS BACK AT HOUSE
GIRJAH, AND SOONER
THAN YOU THINK.

WORD COMES THAT
YOUR SISTER IS TO WED
INTO HOUSE MO'KAI.
YOUR PRESENCE IS
REQUIRED.



J'ULA...?

IMPOSSIBLE.
J'ULA NEVER
INTENDED TO
MARRY. HER
AMBITIONS
LAY...

...ELSEWHERE.



YOU DEPART
AT DAWN.

YOU HAVE LEARNED
ALL THERE IS TO
LEARN ON BORETH.

GO BACK
AMONG OUR
PEOPLE...



AND SHARE
HIS WISDOM

QO'NOS.

THE ESTATE OF HOUSE GIRJAH.



I CAN'T BELIEVE I AM BOUND TO YOU IDIOTS BY BLOOD.

I SHOULD SELL YOU ALL TO HOUSE MO'KAI AS SLAVES.



COME NOW, T'KLOR, YOU'RE JUST UPSET OUR SISTER WILL END UP RICHER THAN ALL OF US.

J'ULA IS A PRETTY TROPHY FOR HOUSE MO'KAI. BUT MY INHERITANCE REMAINS MINE ALONE, AS HEAD OF HOUSE GIRJAH.

YOU'RE LUCKY I ALLOW YOU TO--



--LIVE--
HERE--

T'KUVMA!



BACK FROM BORETH AT LAST.

BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SCRAWNY LITTLE JH'OK WE USED TO WIPE THE HOUSE FLOORS WITH? THE MONKS MUST HAVE BEEN FEEDING YOU WELL!



GREETINGS,
BROTHER.

I GREW
STRONG IN MY
YEARS ON
BORETH.

IN BODY
AND SPIRIT.



YOU'VE A
POWERFUL GRIP
INDEED, LITTLE
T'KUVMA.

FORGIVE ME,
T'KLOR...



...BUT IS
THAT A HINT
OF FEAR I
HEAR IN YOUR
VOICE?



T'KUVMA.
WELCOME
HOME.

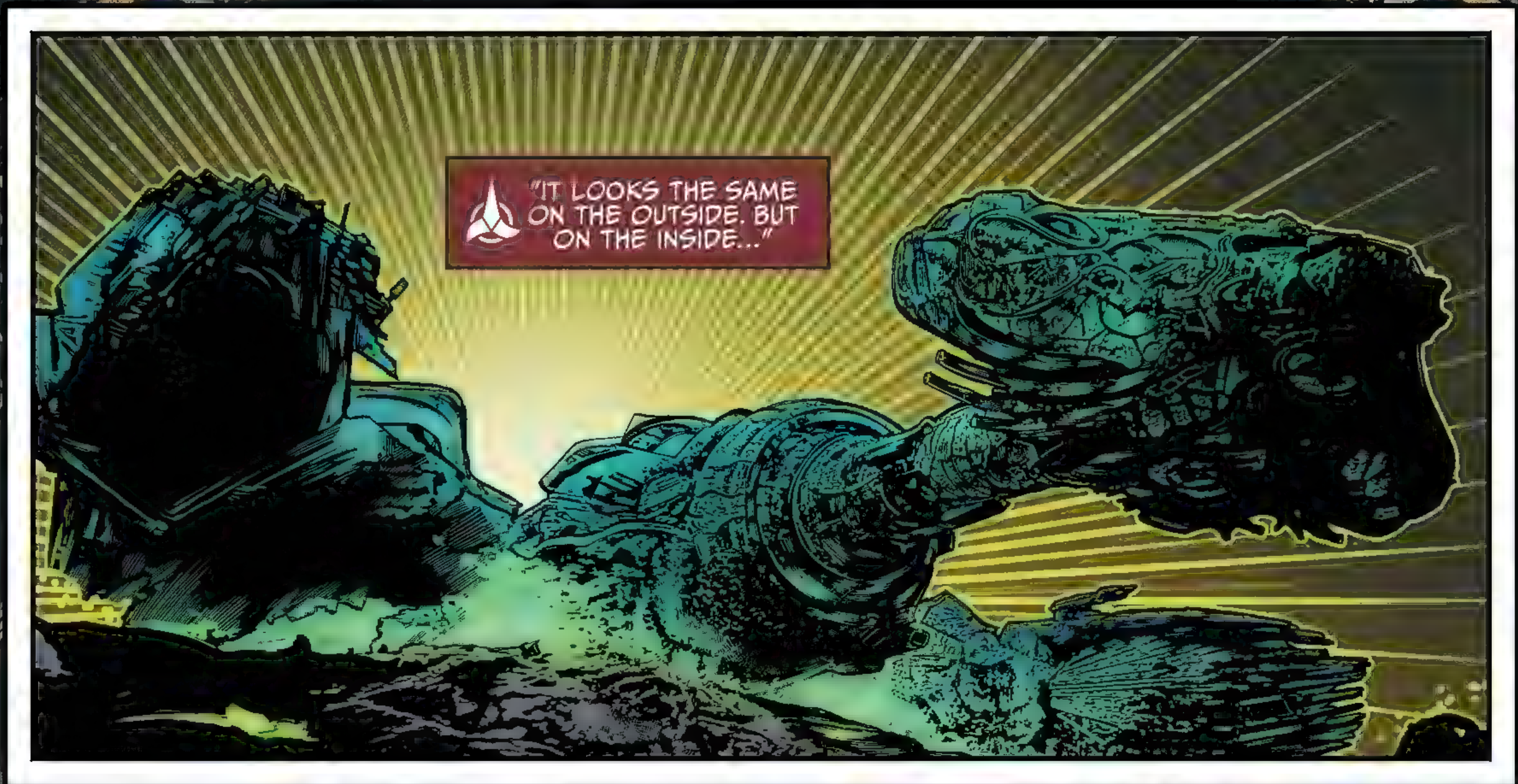
THE ROBES
OF BORETH
SUIT YOU.

I HAVE
RETURNED ONLY
OUT OF MY
DUTY TO YOU,
SISTER.



COME. LET
US LEAVE THESE
BORING OAFS
BEHIND.

THERE IS
MUCH THAT
YOU MUST
SEE.

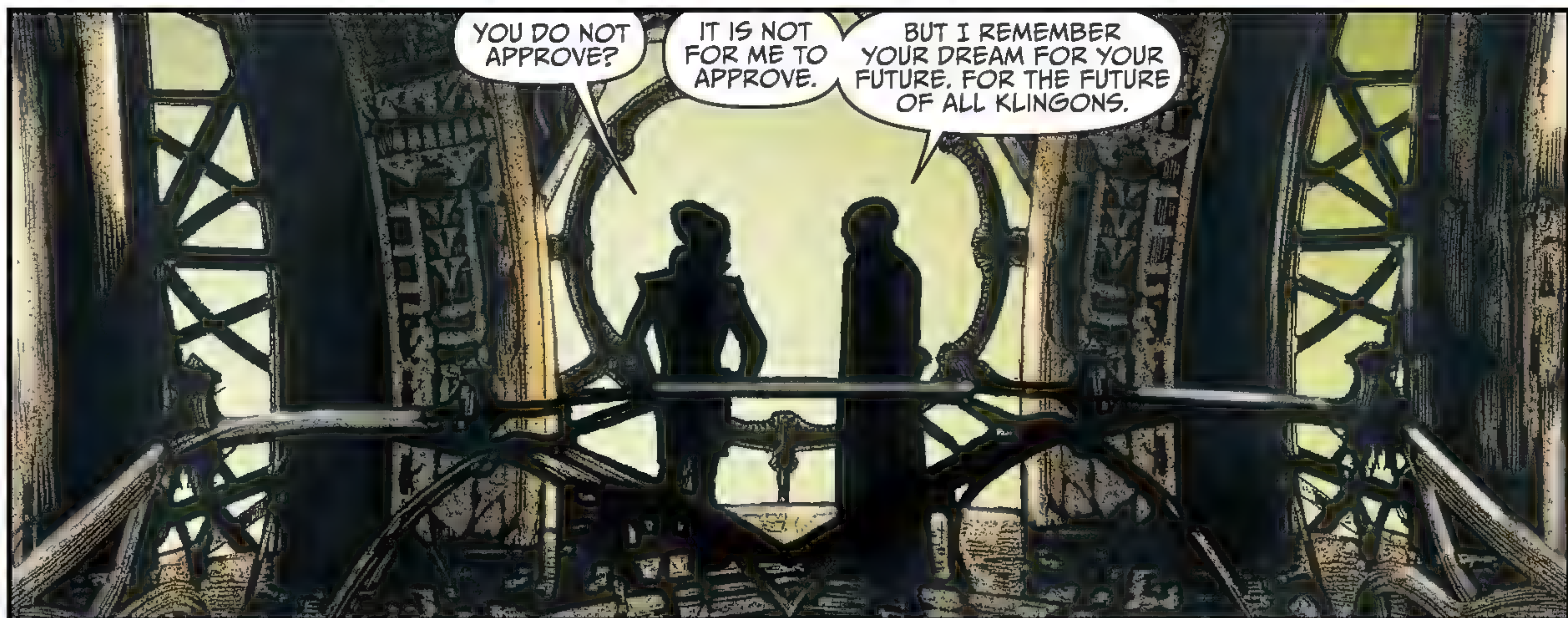




I SAY "WE",
BUT IN TRUTH IT IS THE
COMMON PEOPLE WHO
HAVE RESTORED OUR
FAMILY'S FLAGSHIP
TO GLORY.

MY ATTENTION
HAS BEEN PULLED
ELSEWHERE.

BY HOUSE
MO'KAI?



YOU DO NOT
APPROVE?

IT IS NOT
FOR ME TO
APPROVE.

BUT I REMEMBER
YOUR DREAM FOR YOUR
FUTURE. FOR THE FUTURE
OF ALL KLINGONS.



IT WAS A
GOOD DREAM,
T'KUVMA. AN
HONORABLE
DREAM.

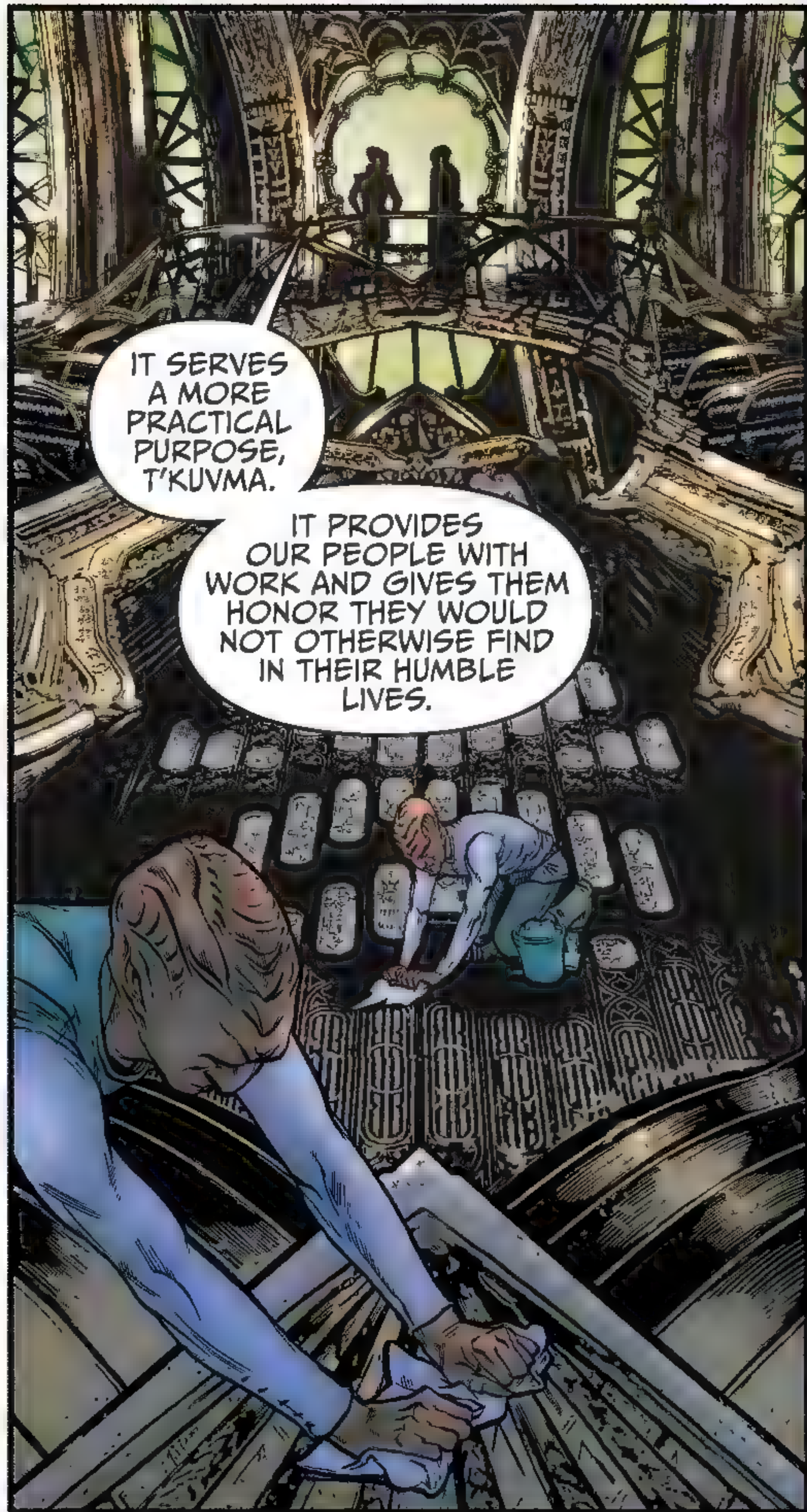
BUT IT
WAS THE
DREAM OF
A CHILD.

OVER THE
YEARS I HAVE
HAD TO ADAPT
TO A WORLD
THAT DOES
NOT CARE FOR
DREAMS.



AND YET
THE WORK
ON THE SHIP
CONTINUED.

WHAT
IS THIS SHIP
NOW IF NOT A
DREAM MADE
REAL?



IT SERVES
A MORE
PRACTICAL
PURPOSE,
T'KUVMA.

IT PROVIDES
OUR PEOPLE WITH
WORK AND GIVES THEM
HONOR THEY WOULD
NOT OTHERWISE FIND
IN THEIR HUMBLE
LIVES.



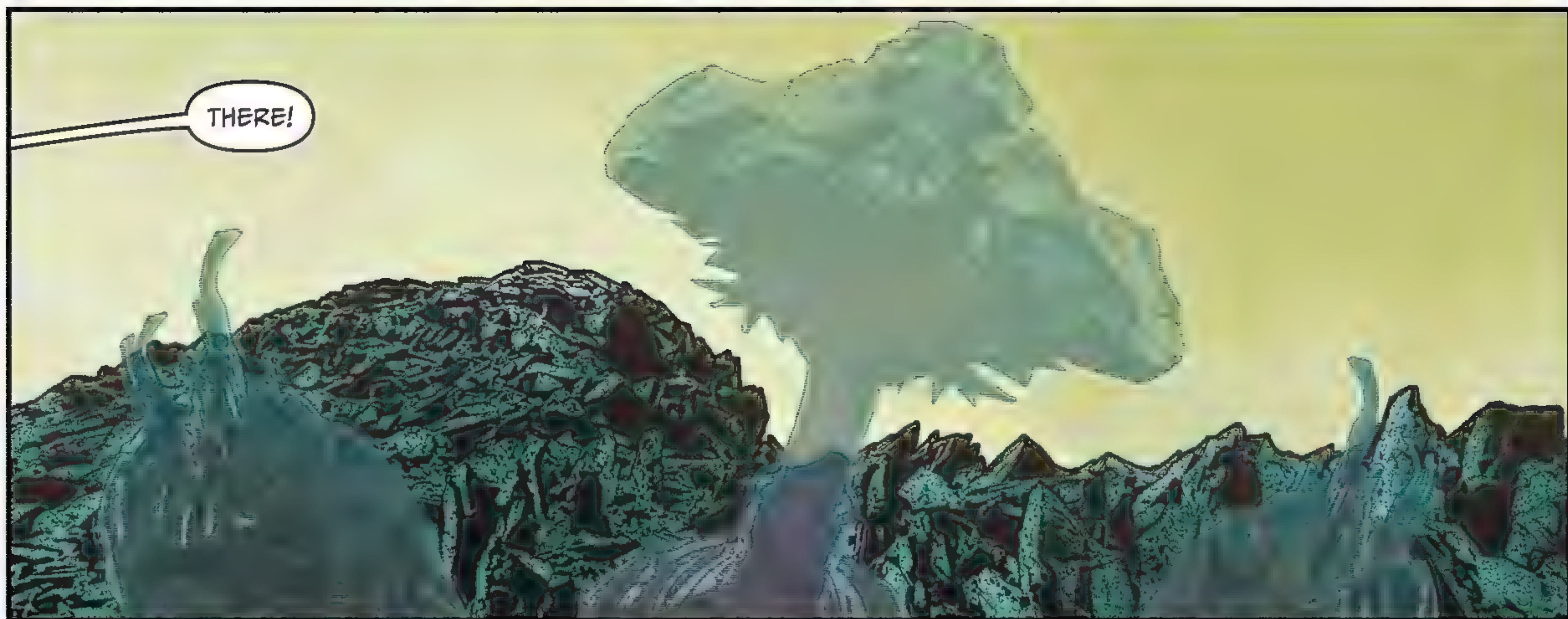
IT IS NOT JUST
THE INTERIOR OF THE SHIP
THAT HAS IMPROVED. WE
HAVE REBUILT THE ENGINES,
THE WEAPONS SYSTEMS,
AND MORE.

COME OUTSIDE
WITH ME...

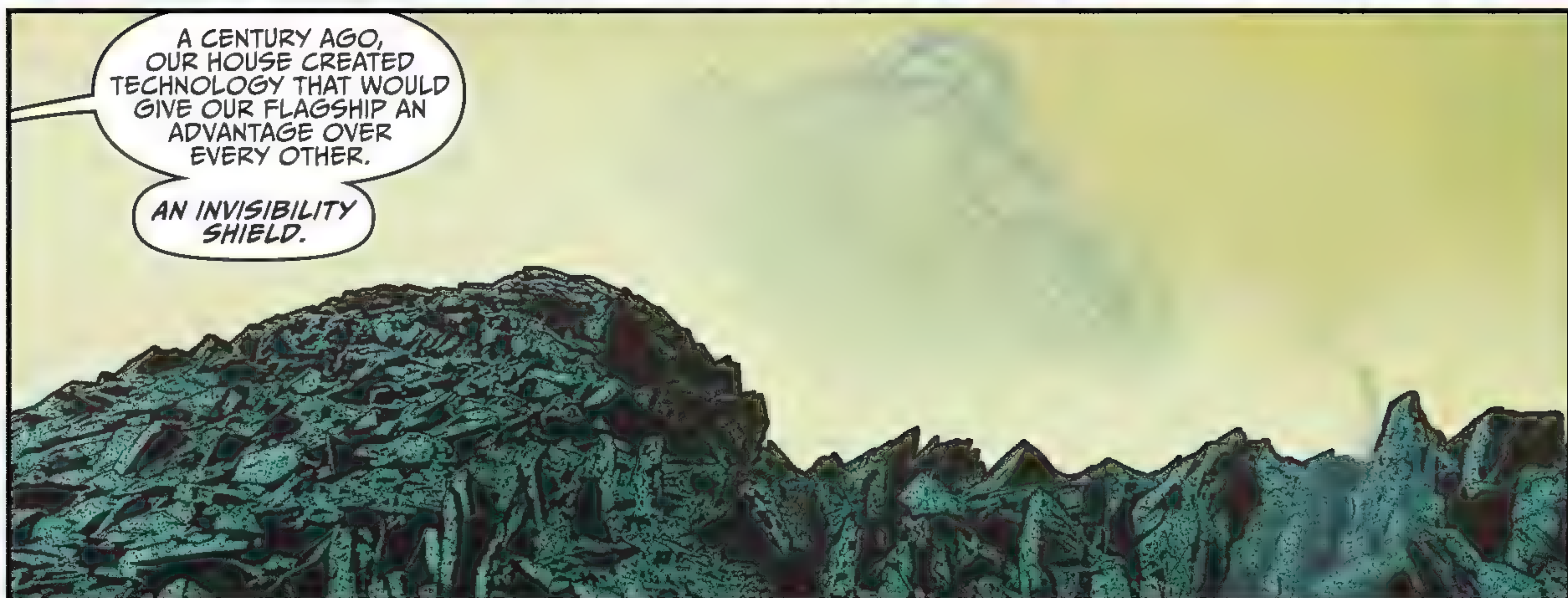
...AND WITNESS
A MIRACLE."



I DO
NOT SEE
IT.



THERE!



A CENTURY AGO,
OUR HOUSE CREATED
TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD
GIVE OUR FLAGSHIP AN
ADVANTAGE OVER
EVERY OTHER.

AN INVISIBILITY
SHIELD.



ALL THAT REMAINS
IS TO RESTORE THE
HULL, AND OUR FAMILY
WILL FLY AGAIN.



BUT YOU WILL
NOT BE A PART
OF THE FAMILY WHEN
IT DOES, WILL YOU
J'ULA?



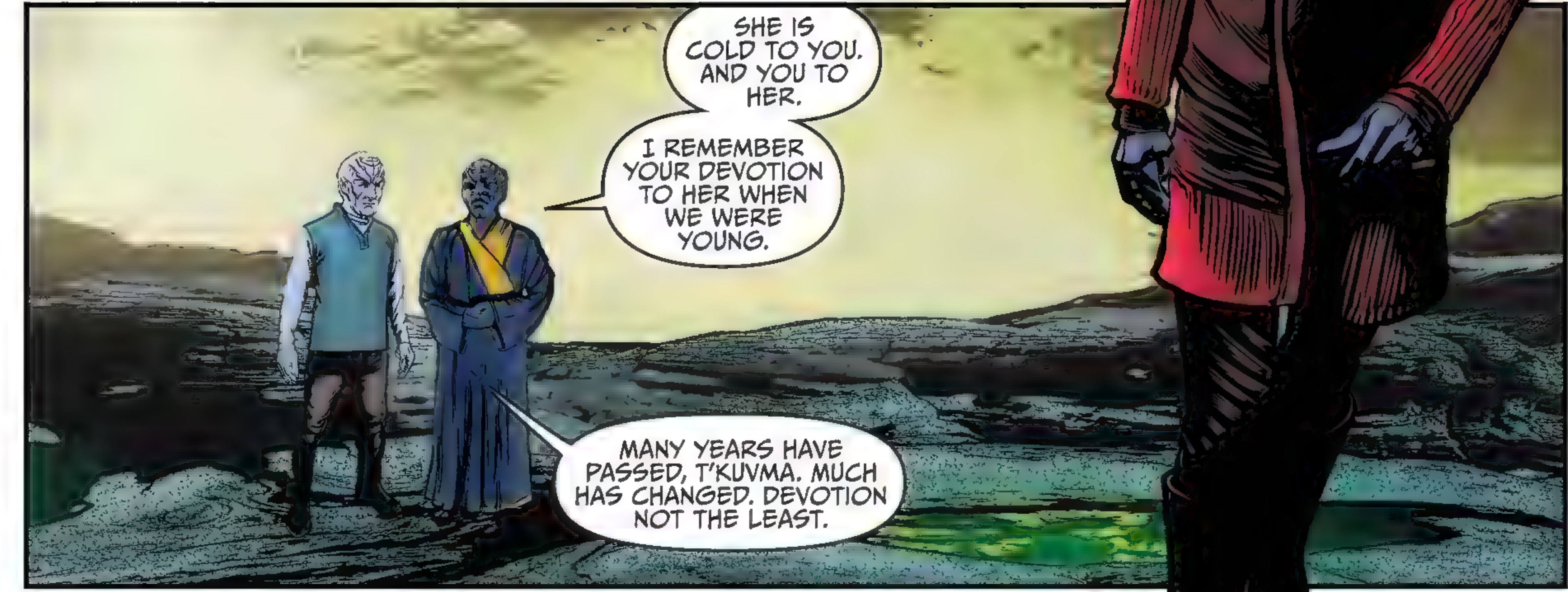
KHEL.

T'KUVMA.
WELCOME
HOME.



IT IS KHEL WHO
HAS LED THE RESTORATION
OF THE SHIP. I WILL LEAVE
YOU TO DISCUSS IT.

I WILL SEE YOU
TONIGHT, T'KUVMA, AT
THE FEAST WITH
HOUSE MO'KAI.



SHE IS
COLD TO YOU.
AND YOU TO
HER.

I REMEMBER
YOUR DEVOTION
TO HER WHEN
WE WERE
YOUNG.

MANY YEARS HAVE
PASSED, T'KUVMA. MUCH
HAS CHANGED. DEVOTION
NOT THE LEAST.



YOU HAVE
BUILT A WONDER
OF THE EMPIRE,
KHEL.

WHICH IS
WHY I AM SO
GLAD TO SEE
YOU RETURN,
T'KUVMA.

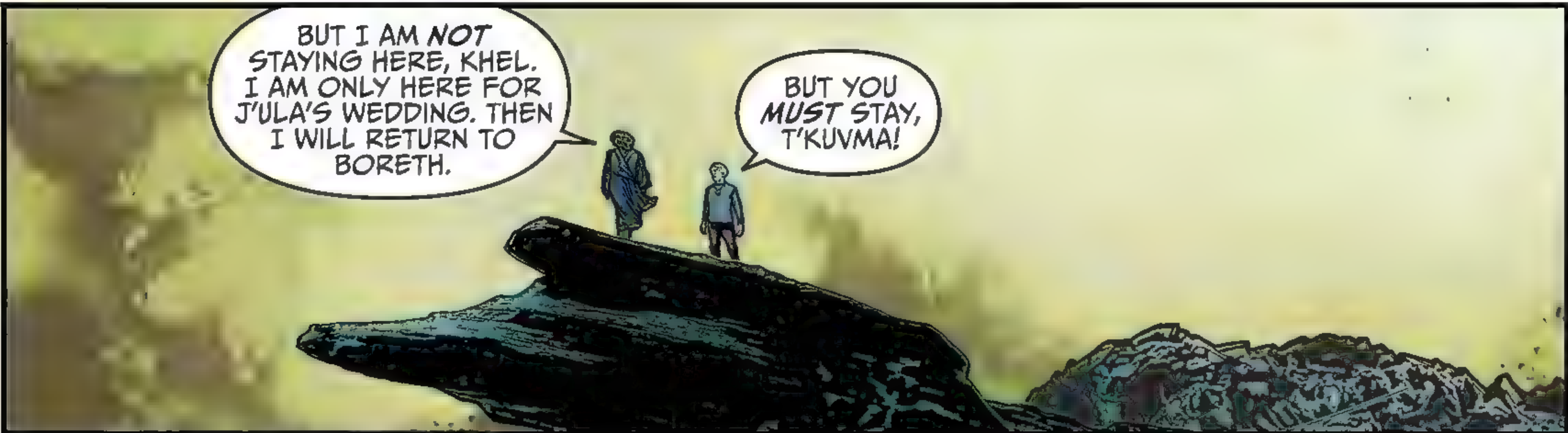


YOUR BROTHERS
HAVE SHOWN NO INTEREST
IN THE SHIP. THEY CONCERN
THEMSELVES WITH PETTY
MATTERS OF POLITICS
AND COIN.

BUT WHEN THEY
REALIZE WHAT THIS SHIP HAS
BECOME, WHAT IT IS CAPABLE
OF, THEY WILL CLAIM IT FOR
THEMSELVES AND WAGE WAR
AGAINST RIVAL HOUSES.



ONLY YOU CAN
KEEP THEIR GREED FROM
DESTROYING IT AGAIN.



BUT I AM **NOT**
STAYING HERE, KHEL.
I AM ONLY HERE FOR
J'ULA'S WEDDING. THEN
I WILL RETURN TO
BORETH.

BUT YOU
MUST STAY,
T'KUVMA!



IT'S NOT JUST YOUR
BROTHERS. IT'S J'ULA.
SHE IS **NOT** THE SISTER
YOU KNEW.

SHE HAS
BETRAYED
THE COMMON
PEOPLE. SHE
SCHEMES ONLY
FOR **HERSELF**
NOW.

DO NOT
GO TO THE FEAST
TONIGHT. STAY WITH
ME AND SHARE A MEAL
WITH THE PEOPLE WHO
STILL BELIEVE IN
THE DREAM.



NO, KHEL. I
RETURNED HOME
TO HONOR
J'ULA.

AND DESPITE
WHAT YOU SAY
ABOUT HER...

"...SHE
REMAINS
FAMILY."

FATHER.

I PRAY THAT MY
SERVICE IN THE NAME
OF KAHLESS HAS
HONORED YOU.

AND THAT YOU
UNDERSTAND WHY
I MUST LEAVE OUR
HOUSE AND LIVE
OUT MY LIFE ON
BORETH.

"I WAS NEVER
MEANT FOR
THE INTRIGUE
BETWEEN RIVAL
HOUSES.

"FOR MATTERS
OF WEALTH AND
AMBITION THAT
HAVE SUNDERED
THE BONDS OF
OUR EMPIRE.

"INSTEAD I WILL SEEK
ENLIGHTENMENT

"ABOUT
KAHLESS.

"ABOUT HIS
TEACHINGS.

"ABOUT WHAT IT
TRULY MEANS..."



YOU
MUST BE
T'KUVMA.

I AM D'LOR
OF HOUSE MO'KAI,
BETROTHED TO
YOUR SISTER.

IF YOU WISH
TO AVOID THE
SHAMEFUL FATE
OF YOUR
BROTHERS
HERE...

...KNEEL
TO ME
NOW.





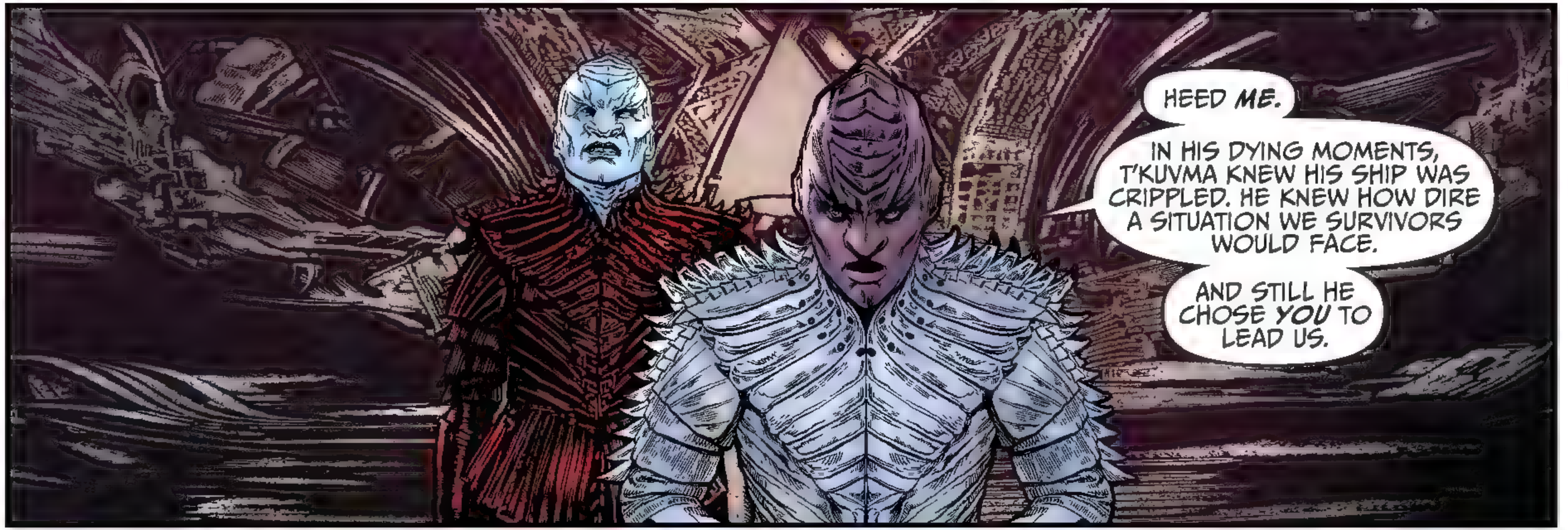




THEY ARE LISTENING, VOQ.

*TRANSLATED FROM THE KLINGON.

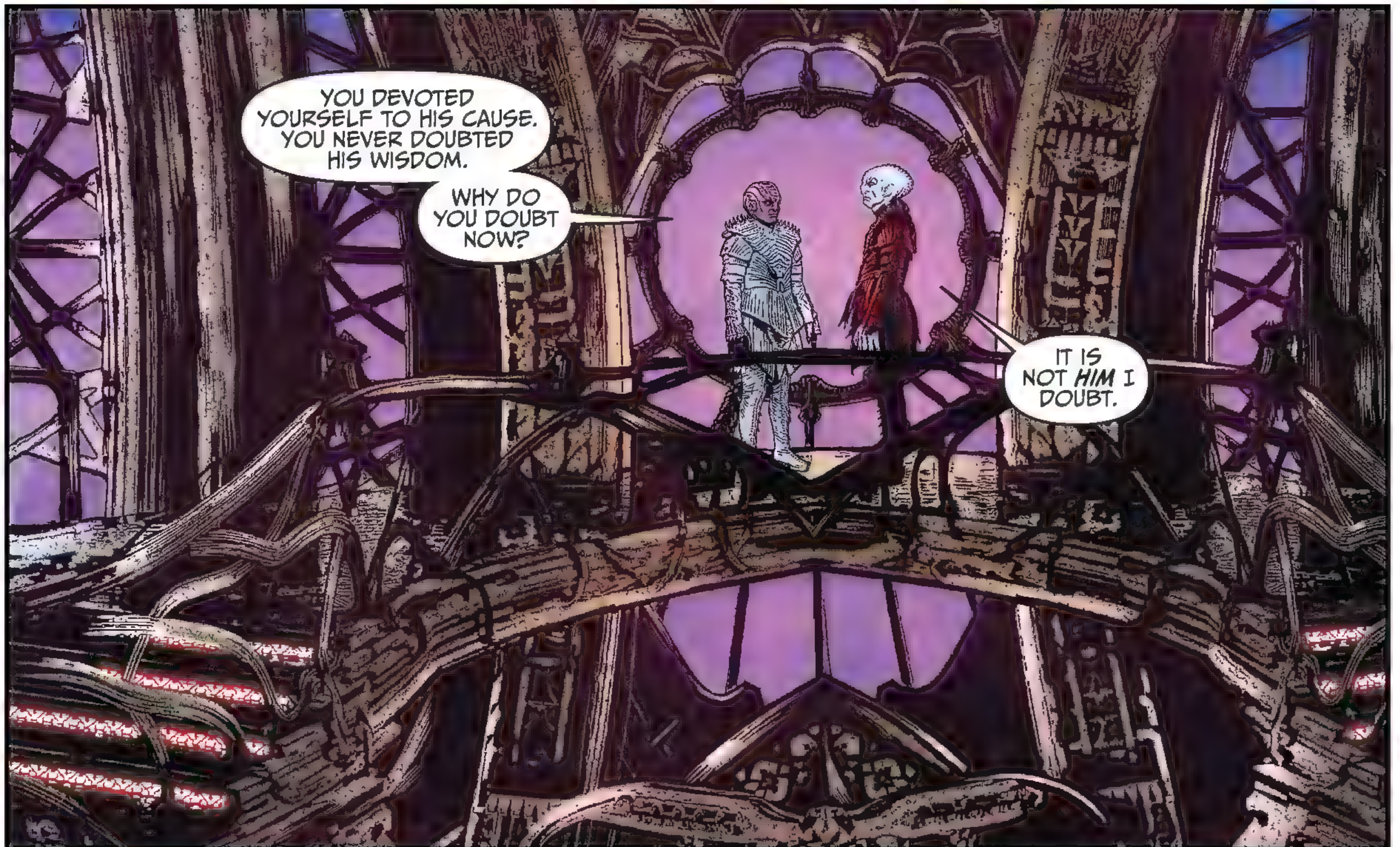




HEED ME.

IN HIS DYING MOMENTS, T'KUVMA KNEW HIS SHIP WAS CRIPPLED. HE KNEW HOW DIRE A SITUATION WE SURVIVORS WOULD FACE.

AND STILL HE CHOSE YOU TO LEAD US.



YOU DEVOTED YOURSELF TO HIS CAUSE. YOU NEVER DOUBTED HIS WISDOM.

WHY DO YOU DOUBT NOW?

IT IS NOT HIM I DOUBT.



TELL ME, L'RELL, WHAT GIVES YOU SO MUCH CONFIDENCE IN ME?

YOU NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED ME BEFORE. I WAS NOTHING TO YOU.



BECAUSE YOU STEPPED FORWARD.

YOU MADE THE CHOICE THAT OTHERS WOULD NOT...

JUST LIKE
T'KUVMA HIMSELF
ONCE

ARE
YOU DEAF,
MONK?

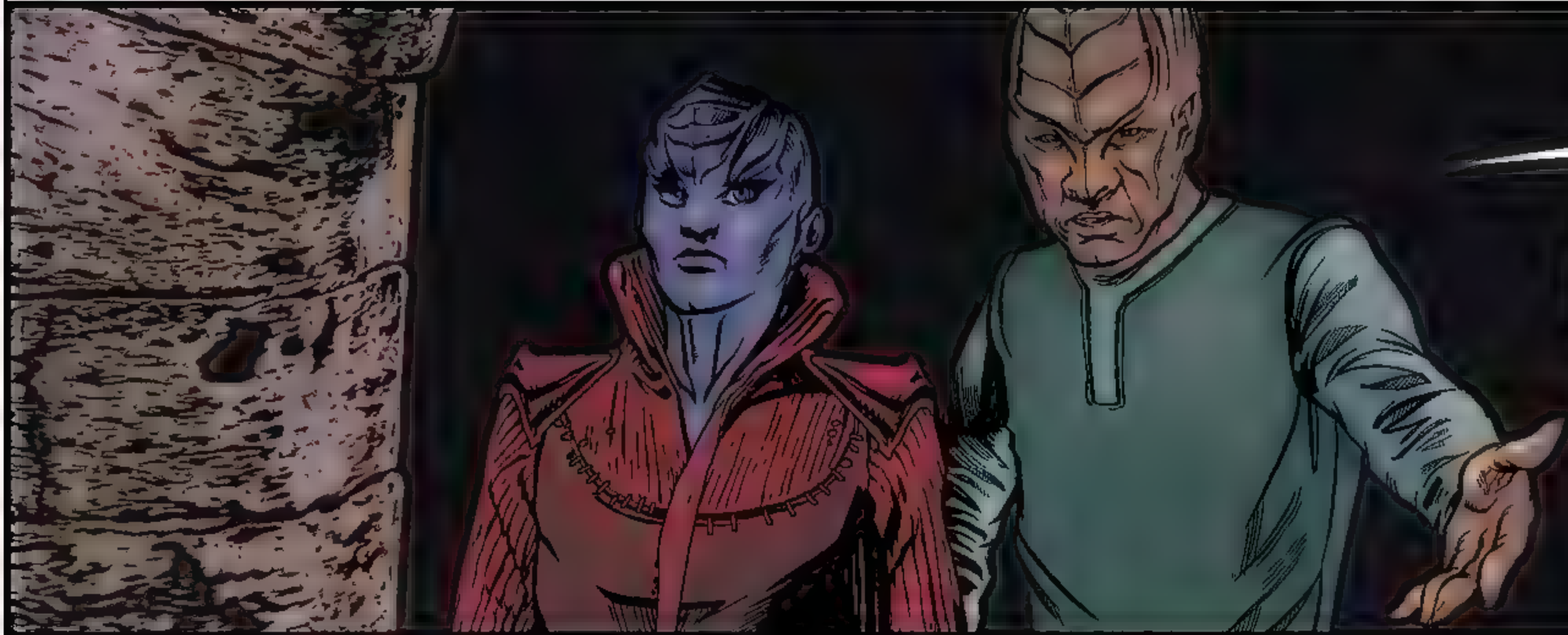
DID ALL
THOSE YEARS
ON BORETH
ADDLE YOUR
BRAIN?

KNEEL
BEFORE ME,
OR JOIN YOUR
FAMILY IN
SLAUGHTER.



I WILL NOT KNEEL,
D'LOR. I WILL NEVER
KNEEL TO HOUSE
MO'KAI, OR ANY
OTHER.

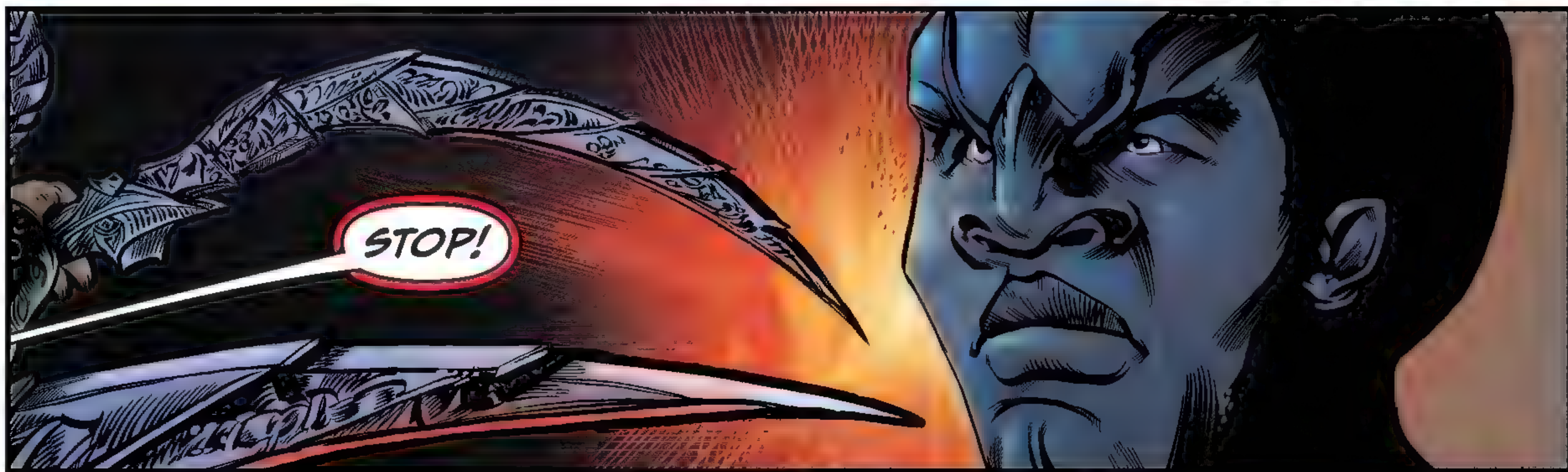
RELEASE
MY SISTER AND
LEAVE.



"RELEASE...?"

DO YOU HEAR
THAT, J'ULA? YOUR LITTLE
BROTHER THINKS YOU'RE
MY PRISONER!

VERY WELL,
T'KUVMA. IF
YOU WILL NOT
KNEEL---





IT IS THE ONLY WAY OUR HOUSE WILL SURVIVE.

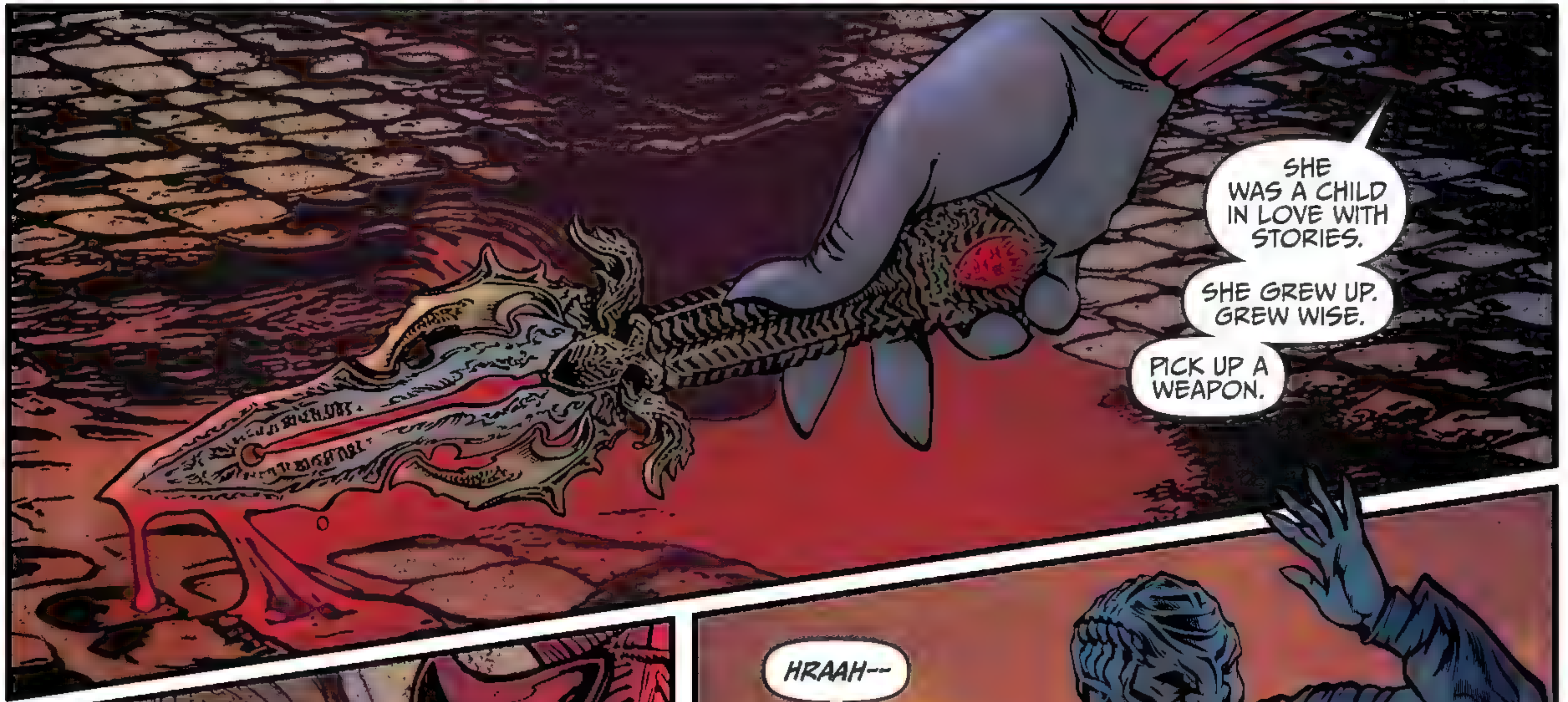
THE ONLY WAY I WILL SURVIVE.

PICK UP A WEAPON, LITTLE BROTHER.



WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE SISTER I KNEW?

WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE DREAM WE SHARED?



SHE WAS A CHILD IN LOVE WITH STORIES.

SHE GREW UP. GREW WISE.

PICK UP A WEAPON.



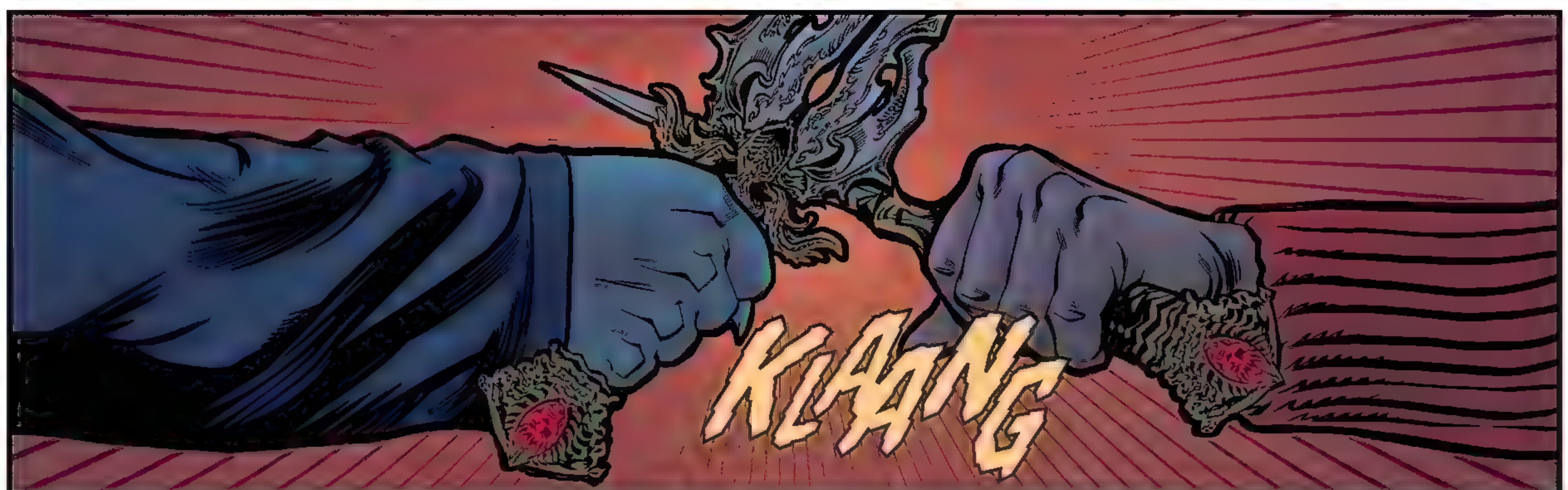
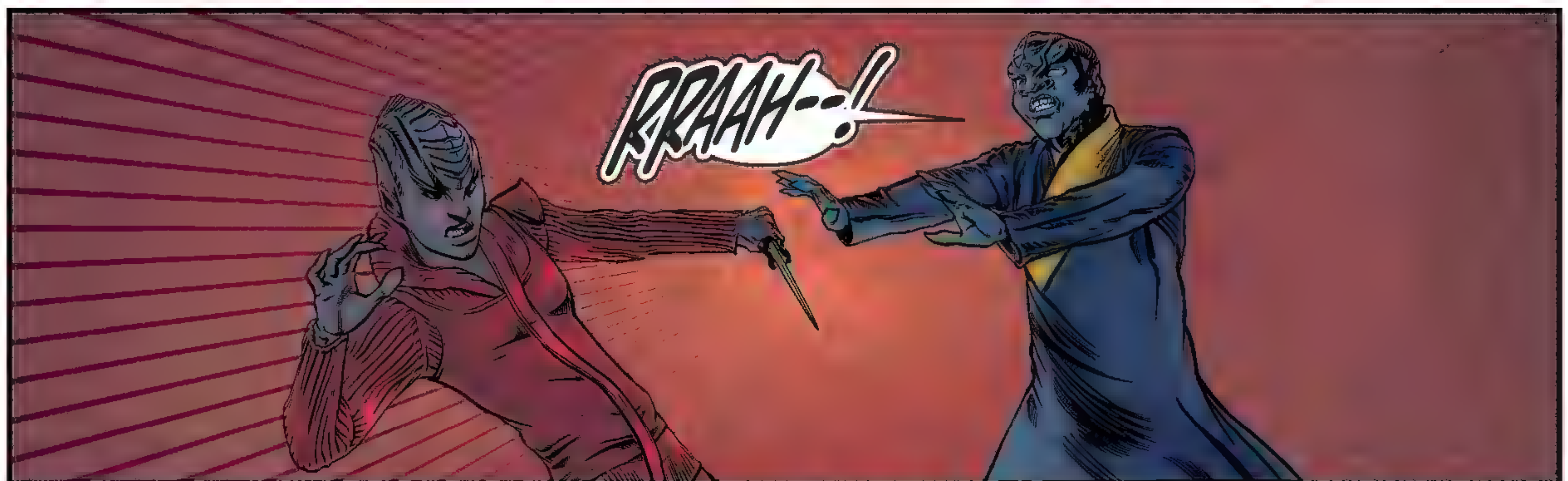
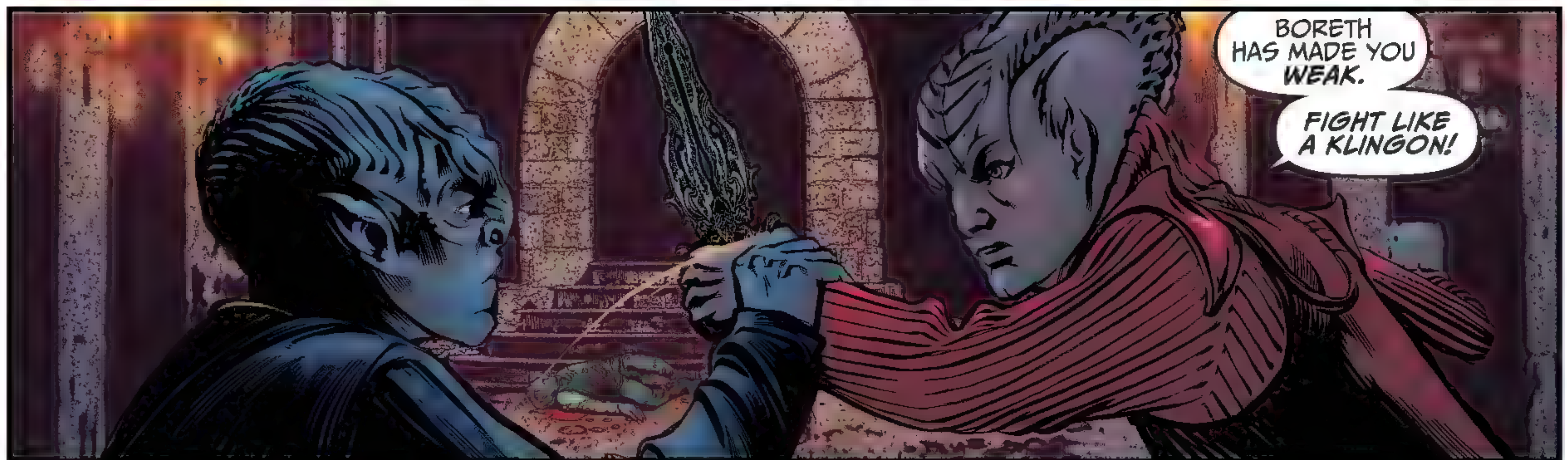
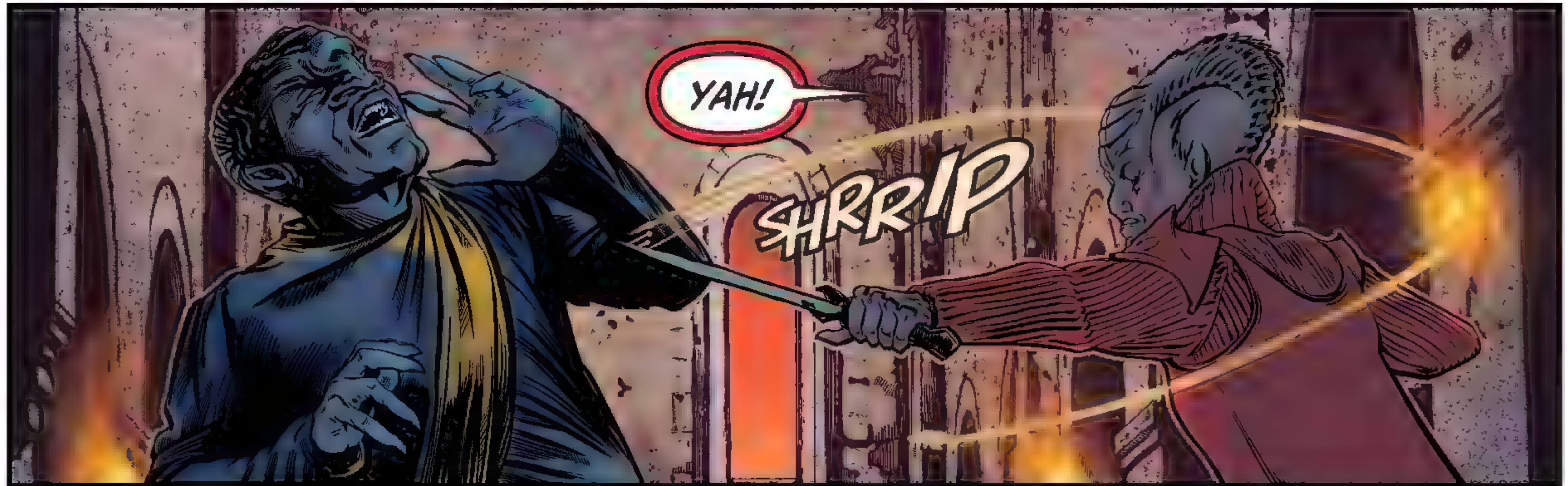
NO MALE HEIRS.

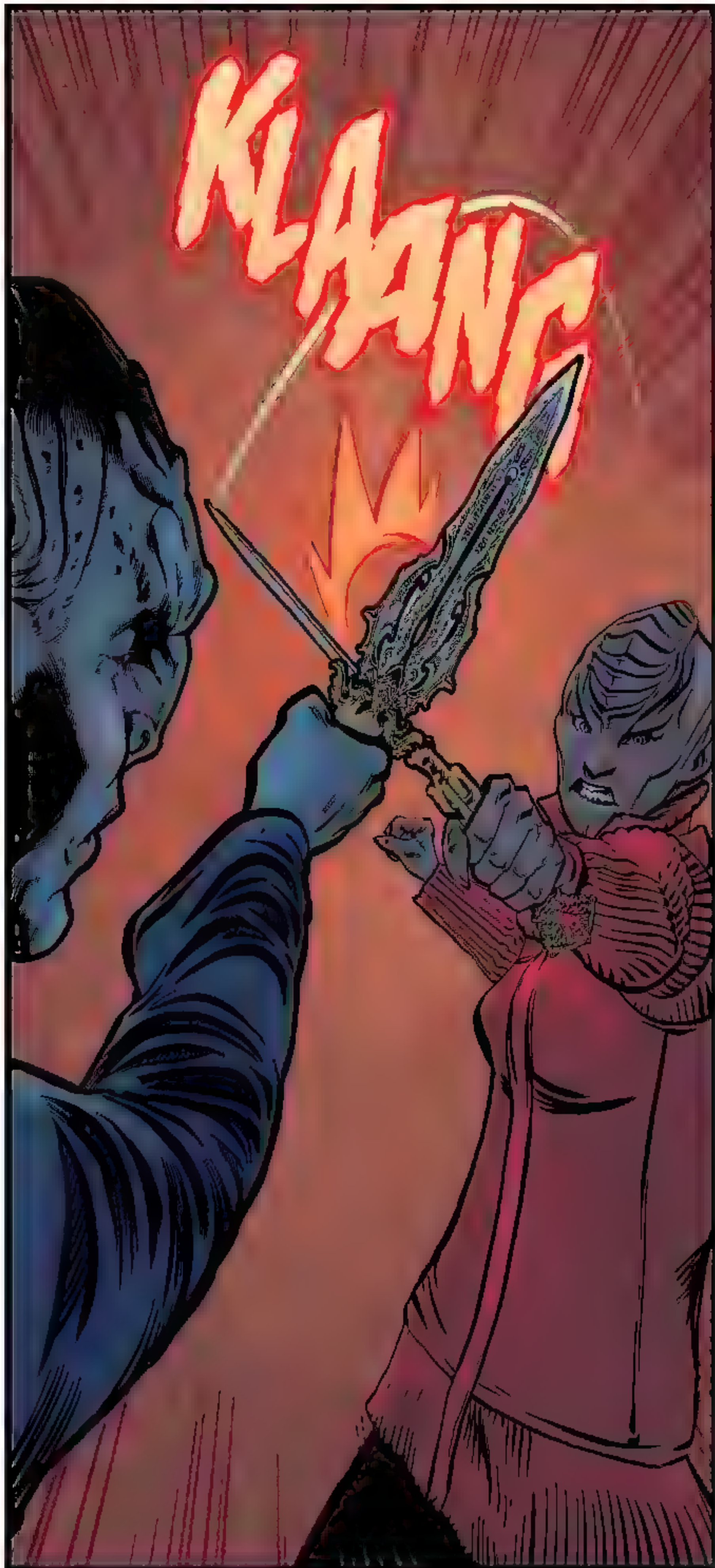
I UNDERSTAND.

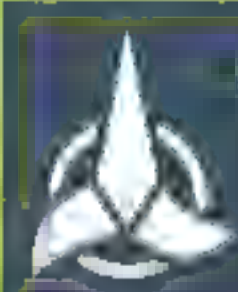
DO AS YOU WILL.



HRAAH--







"...ALONG WITH THE
BONES OF OUR
ANCESTORS."







THAT IS
ALL OF THEM,
T'KUVMA.

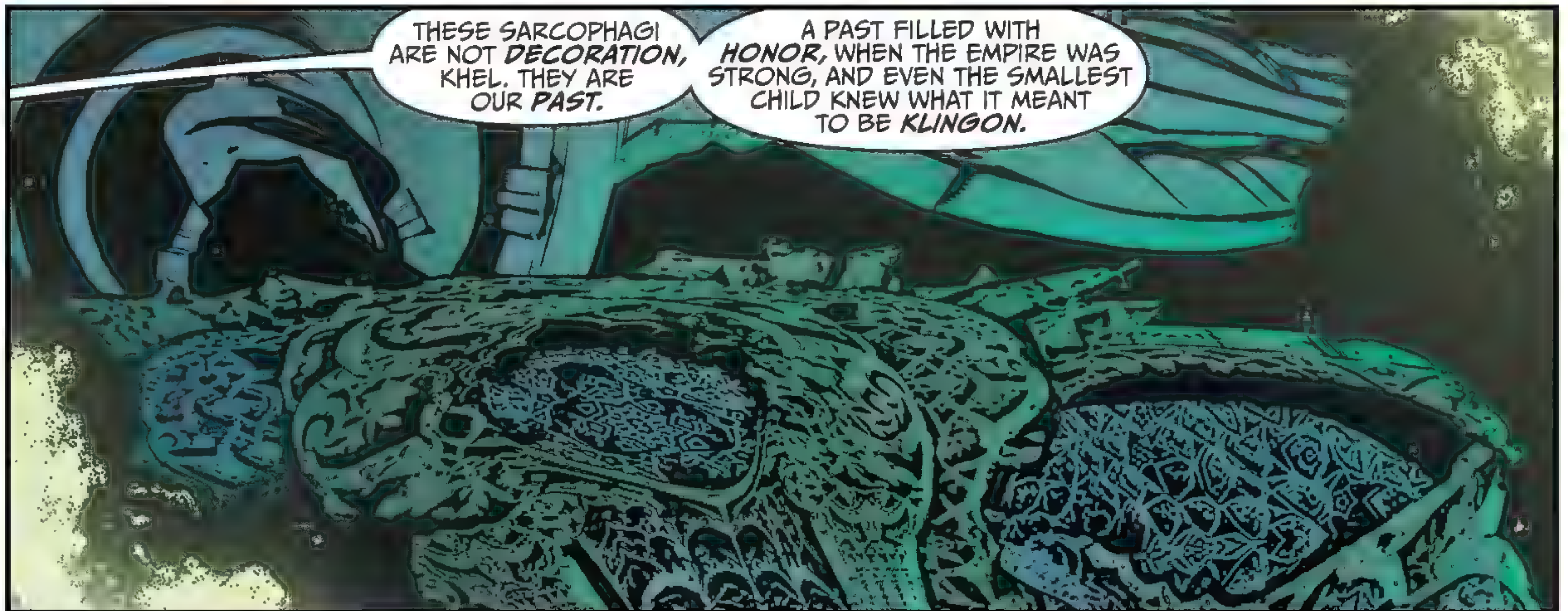
NO, KHEL.
THESE ARE JUST
MY FAMILY'S
BONES.



THE FAMILY
OF EVERY KLINGON
WHO JOINS US ON OUR
PATH WILL BE HONORED
AS WELL, NO MATTER
HOW LOWLY THEIR
NAME.

THEY ARE
MOSTLY POOR,
T'KUVMA. THEY
BURY THEIR DEAD
IN SIMPLE
COFFINS.

THEN WE WILL CARVE
THEM NEW **SARCOPHAGI**.
WE WILL CARVE THEM FROM
THE STONE OF MY FAMILY'S
HOUSE. J'ULA'S ONLY
CONCERN IS THE LAND
IT STANDS UPON.



THESE SARCOPHAGI
ARE NOT **DECORATION**,
KHEL. THEY ARE
OUR **PAST**.

A PAST FILLED WITH
HONOR, WHEN THE EMPIRE WAS
STRONG, AND EVEN THE SMALLEST
CHILD KNEW WHAT IT MEANT
TO BE **KLINGON**.



WE WILL NEVER
FORGET AGAIN. THESE
SARCOPHAGI...

...THIS SHIP
ITSELF...

...WILL MEAN
WE NEVER DO.



"DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW, VOQ?"



"THE VESSEL WE STAND ON IS MORE THAN JUST A SHIP OF WAR."

"IT IS A SHIP OF REMEMBRANCE."

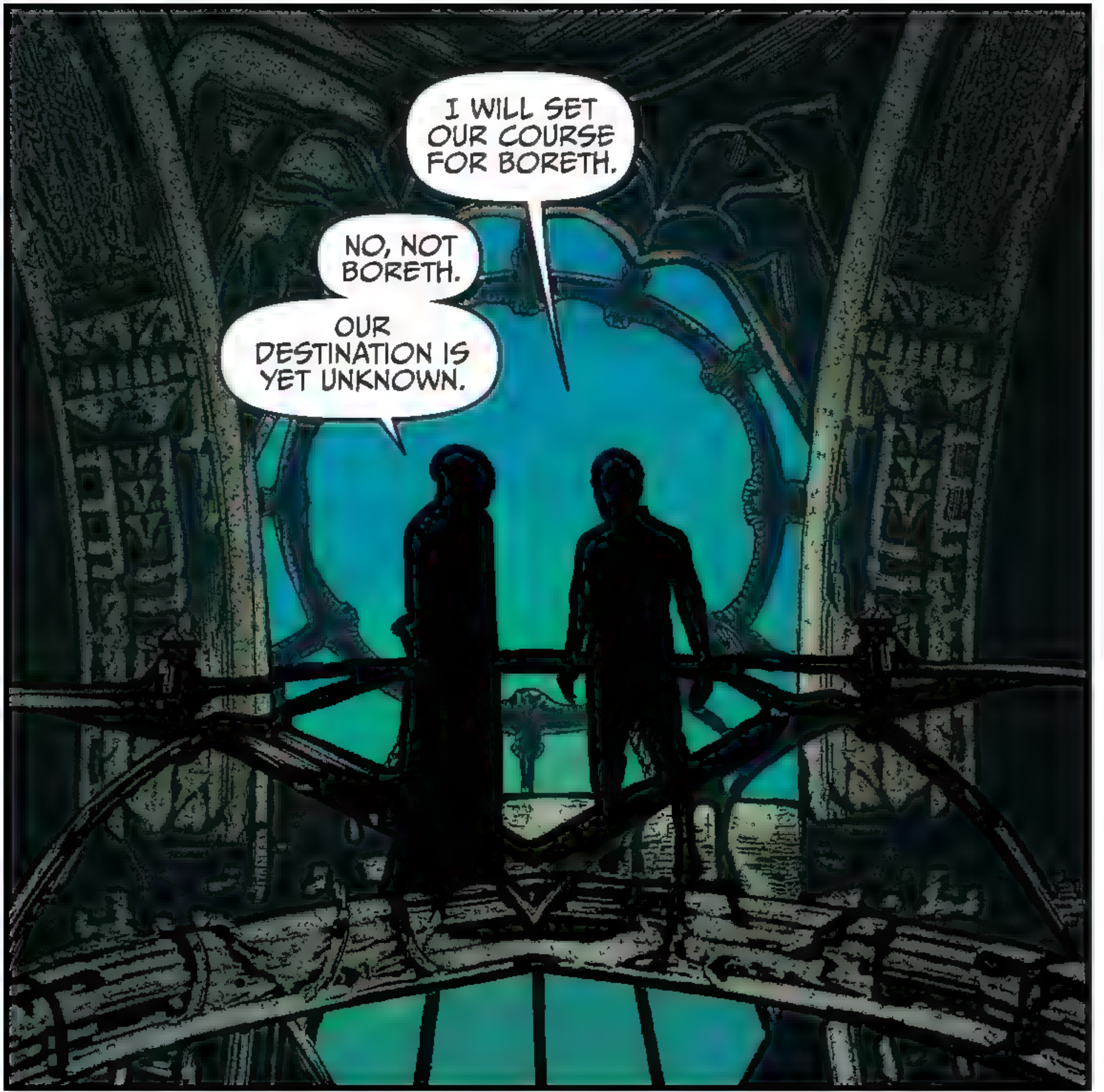


"THOSE WHO BUILT IT DID SO NOT FOR T'KUVMA HIMSELF."

"THEY DID IT FOR THE MEMORY OF WHAT OUR PEOPLE ONCE WERE AND COULD STILL BE."



IT IS
TIME.



I WILL SET
OUR COURSE
FOR BORETH.

NO, NOT
BORETH.

OUR
DESTINATION IS
YET UNKNOWN.



I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND.

DO WE
NOT SEEK
THE WISDOM
OF KAHLESS
PRESERVED ON
BORETH?

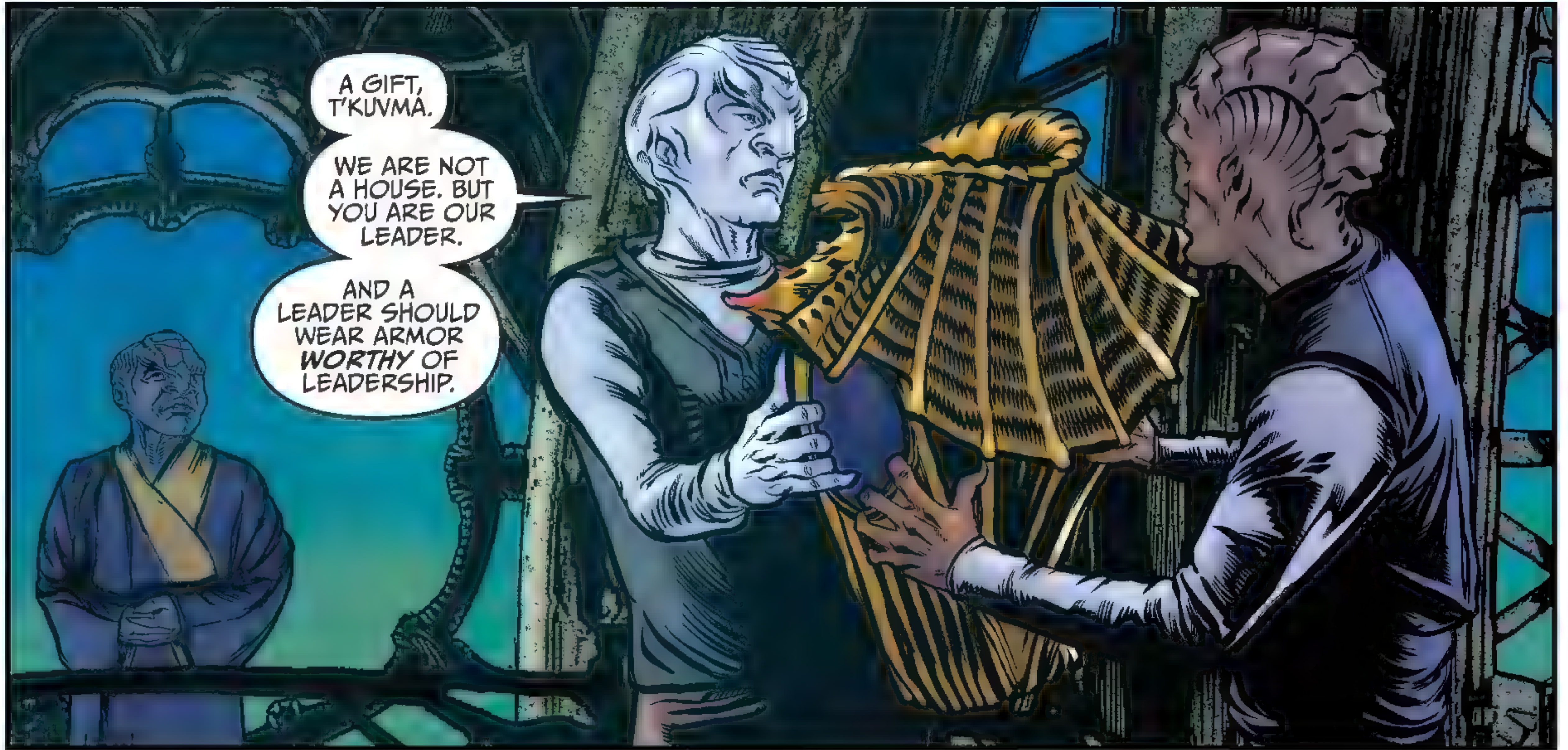
NO. WE
SEEK HIS
LIGHT.



HIS
BEACON.

PROPHECY
SPEAKS OF HIS
BEACON BEING LIT
TO UNITE ALL
KLINGON HOUSES
TOGETHER.

WE WILL
FIND IT. WE WILL
LIGHT IT. AND WE
WILL UNITE OUR
FRACTURED
EMPIRE.

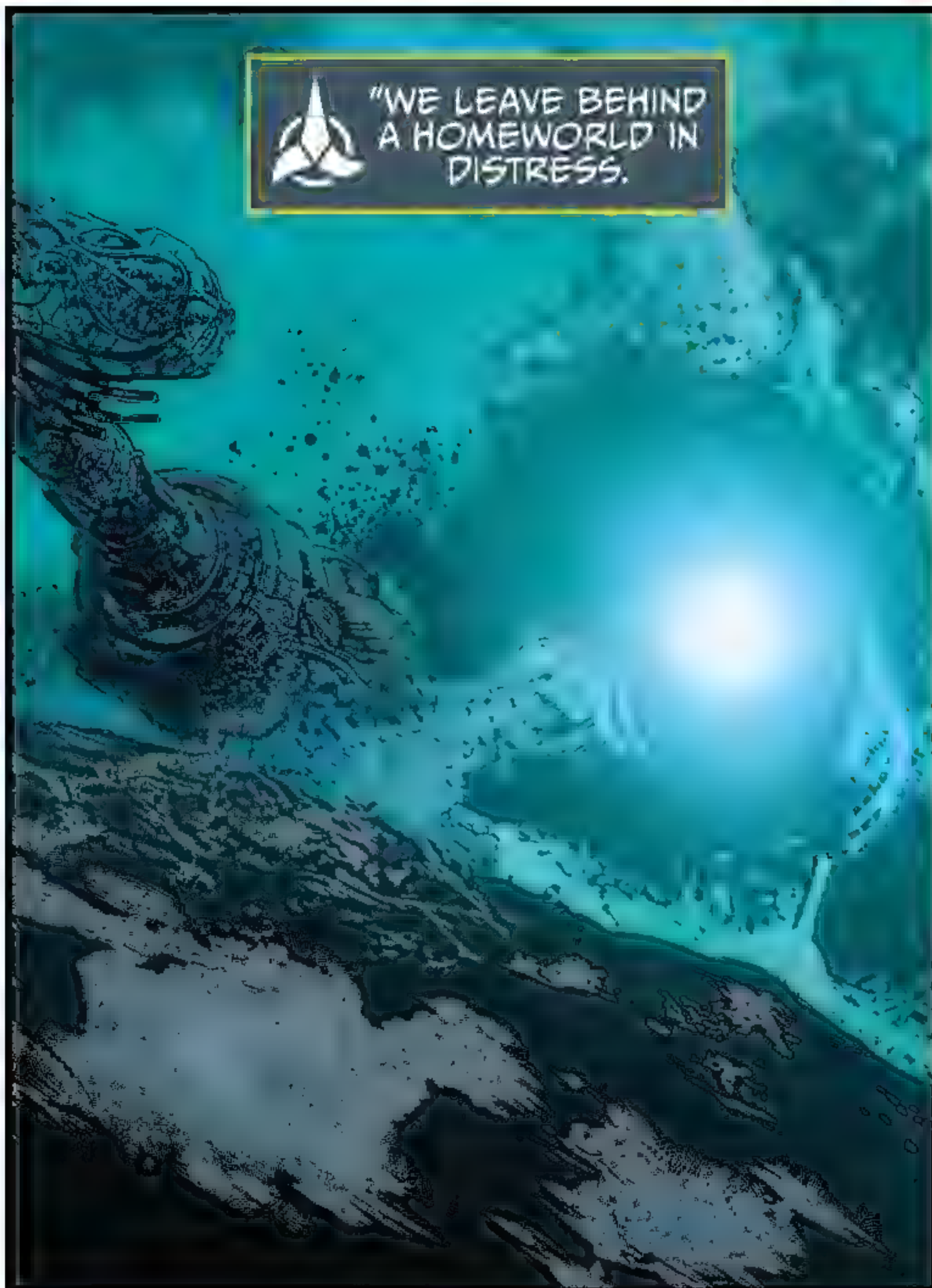




I AM
HONORED TO
WEAR IT.

AS I AM
HONORED
TO LEAD
YOU ALL.

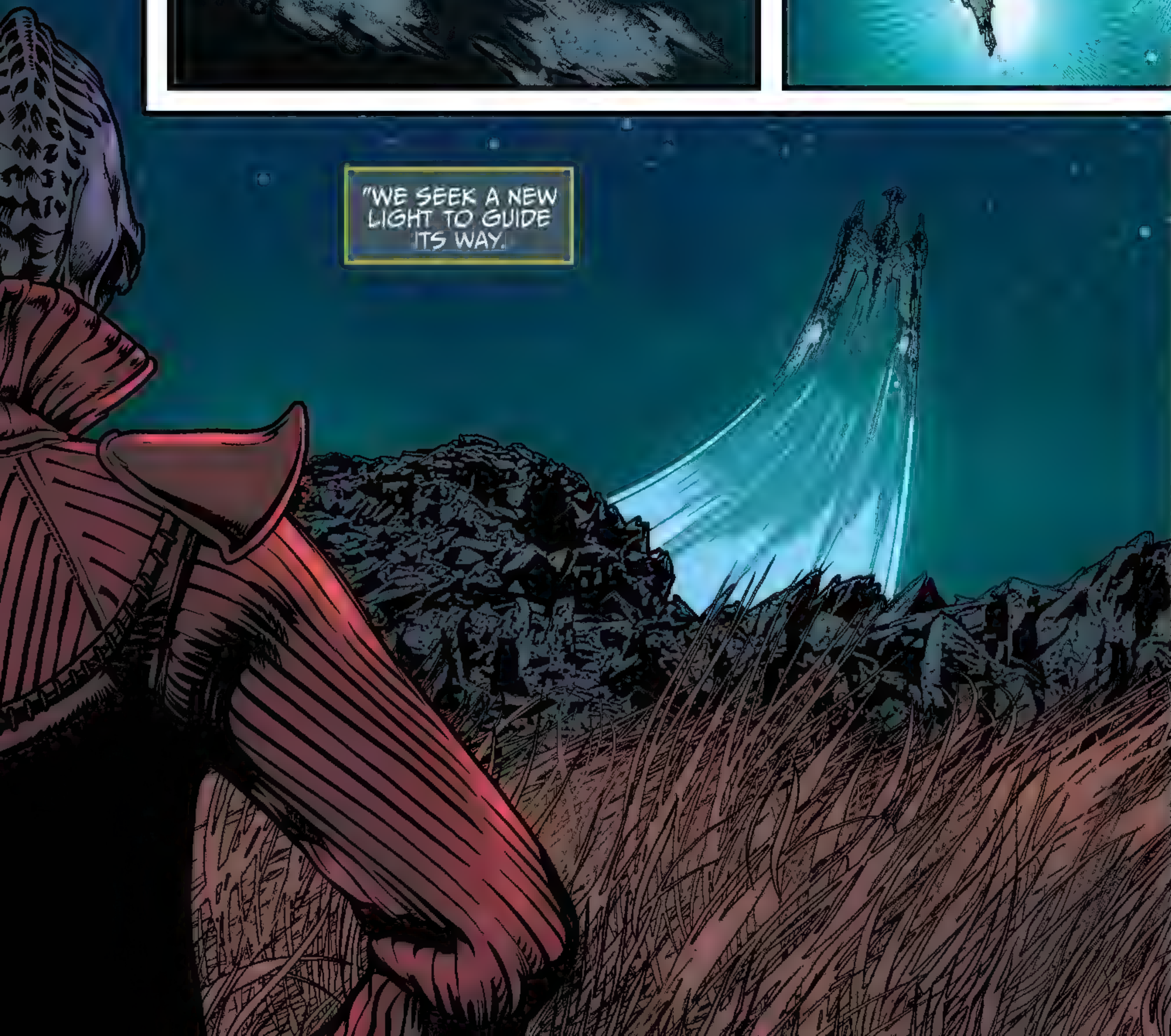
NOW, WE
DEPART.



"WE LEAVE BEHIND
A HOMEWORLD IN
DISTRESS.



"BUT WE DO NOT
ABANDON IT.



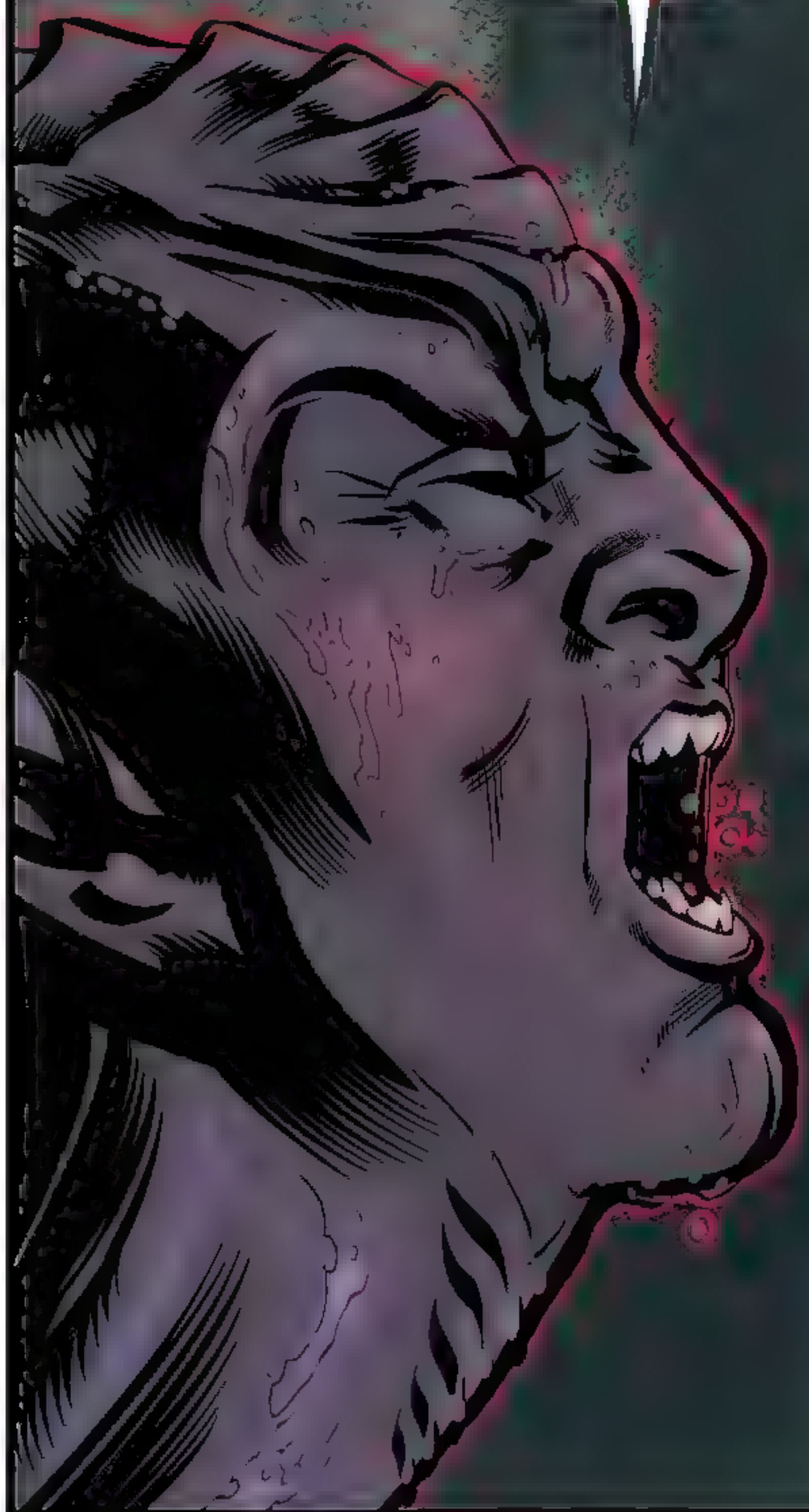
"WE SEEK A NEW
LIGHT TO GUIDE
ITS WAY.



"AND
RESTORE
WHAT WE
HAVE
LOST"

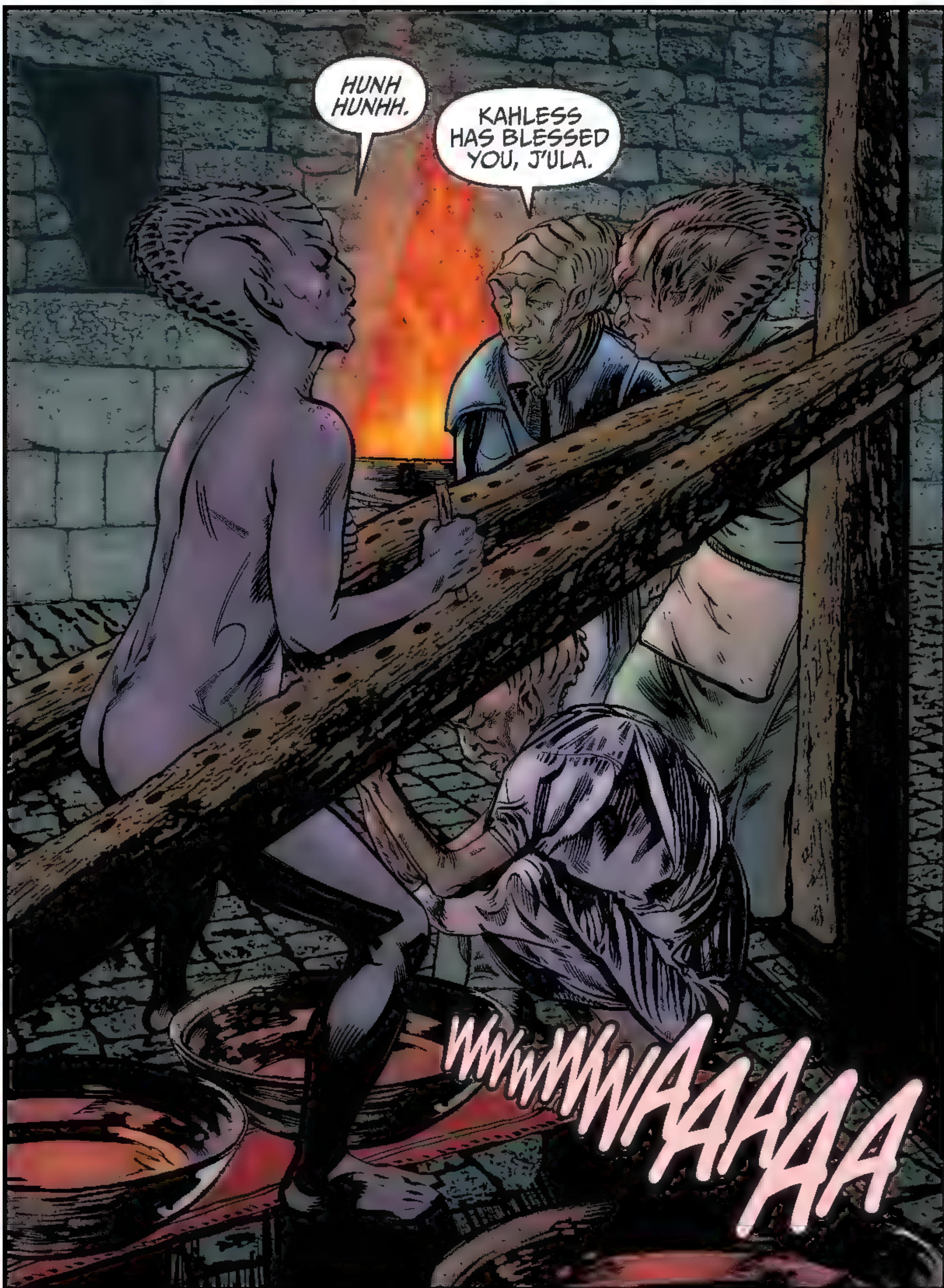
ONE DO'NOS YEAR LATER.

GHRRRAAH--!



HUNH
HUNHH.

KAHLESS
HAS BLESSED
YOU, J'ULA.



WAAAAA

A HEALTHY
MALE. AND
HIS RARE
COLOR...



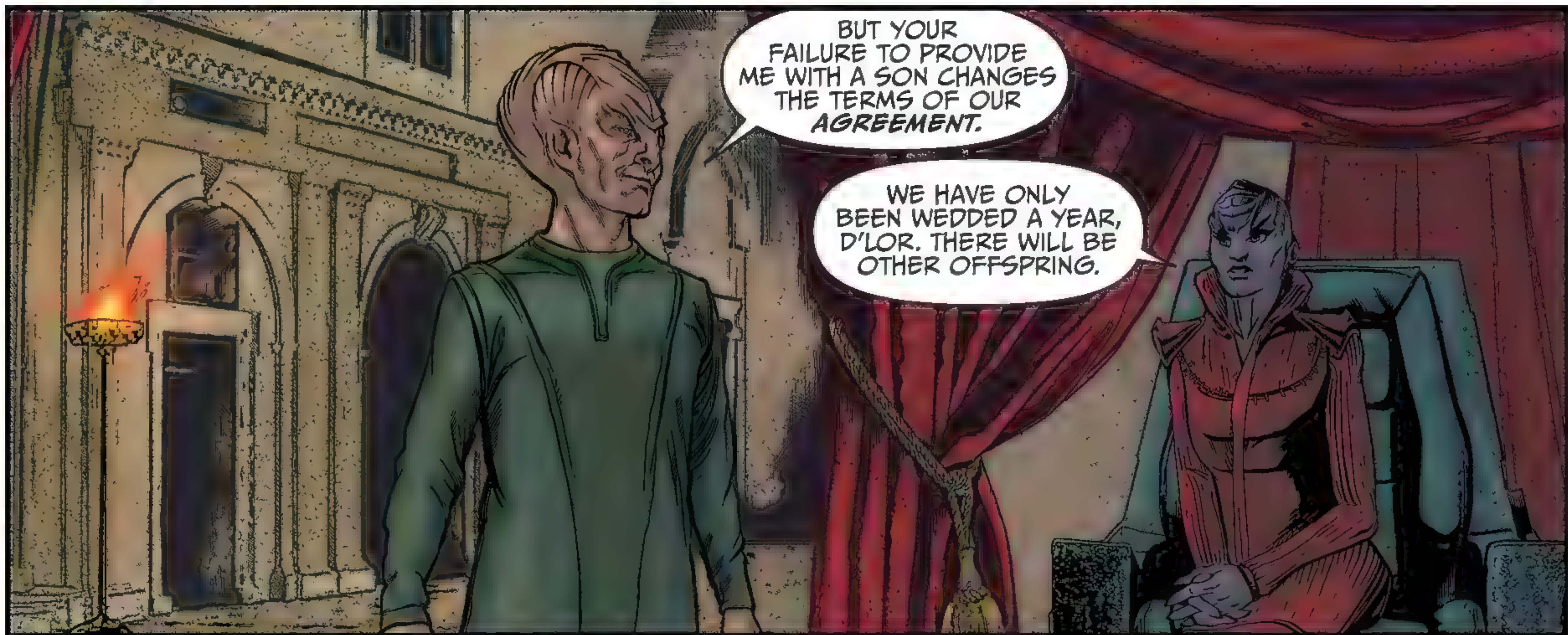
ENHHH
ENH.

...IS SURELY
A PORTENT OF
GREATNESS TO
COME.



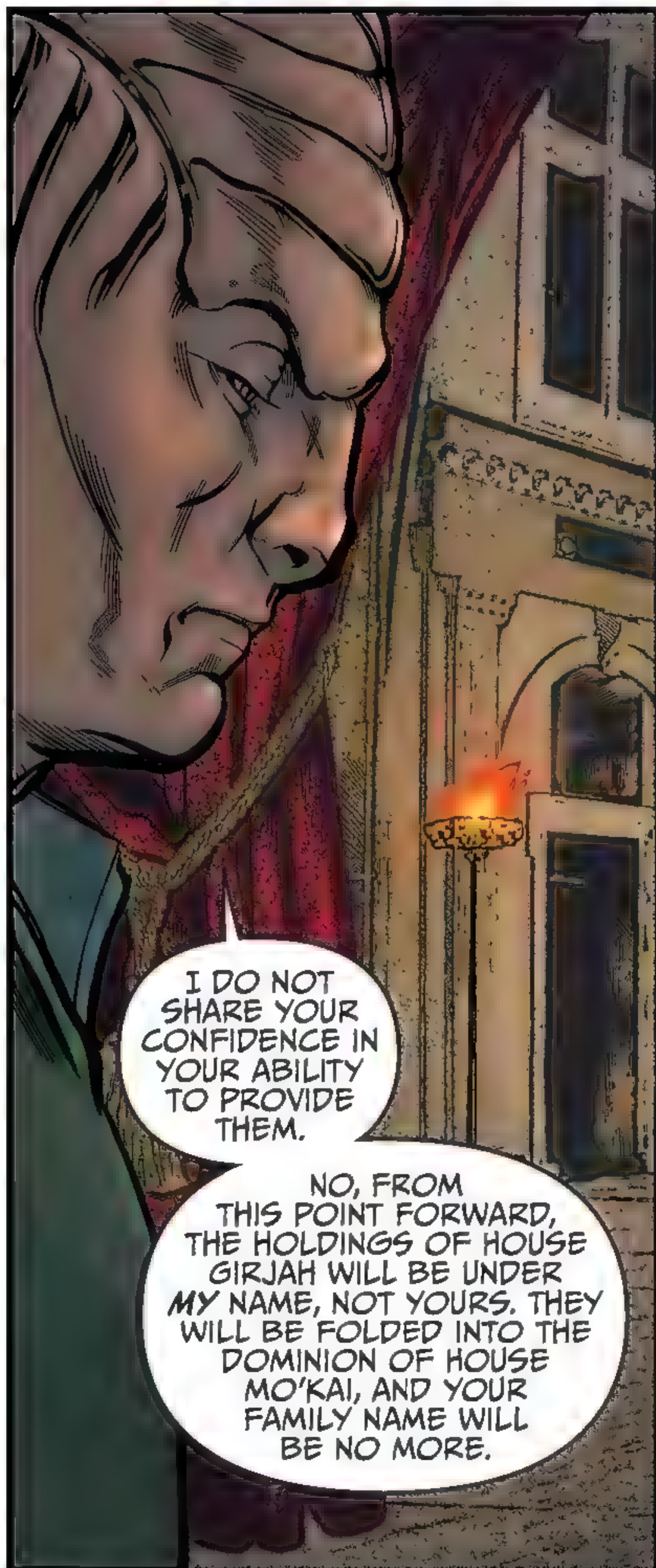


STILLBORN?
THEN IT WAS NOT
WORTHY. THERE IS NO
SENSE IN MOURNING IT.
YOU WERE RIGHT TO
DISPOSE OF IT.



BUT YOUR
FAILURE TO PROVIDE
ME WITH A SON CHANGES
THE TERMS OF OUR
AGREEMENT.

WE HAVE ONLY
BEEN WEDDED A YEAR,
D'LOR. THERE WILL BE
OTHER OFFSPRING.

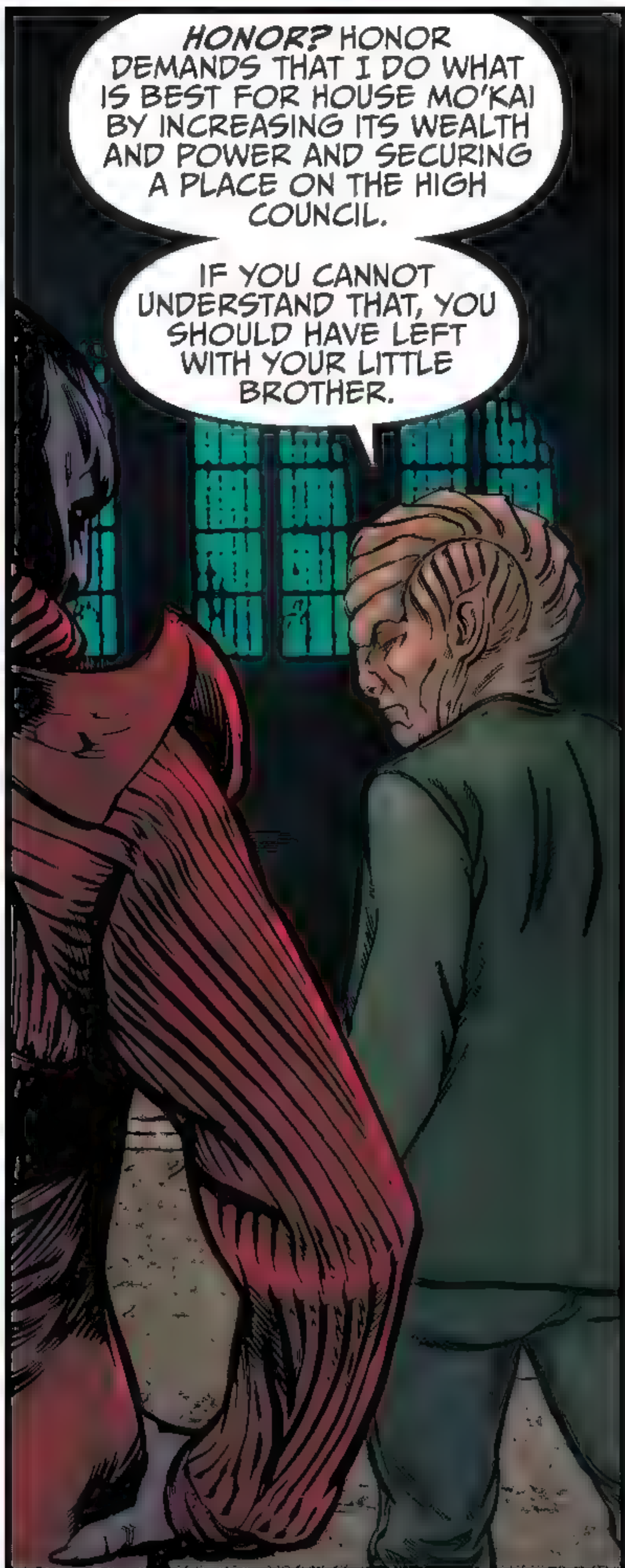


I DO NOT
SHARE YOUR
CONFIDENCE IN
YOUR ABILITY
TO PROVIDE
THEM.

NO, FROM
THIS POINT FORWARD,
THE HOLDINGS OF HOUSE
GIRJAH WILL BE UNDER
MY NAME, NOT YOURS. THEY
WILL BE FOLDED INTO THE
DOMINION OF HOUSE
MO'KAI, AND YOUR
FAMILY NAME WILL
BE NO MORE.



THAT IS *NOT*
WHAT WE AGREED!
YOU MUST HONOR
YOUR PROMISE TO
LEAVE HOUSE
GIRJAH UNDER MY
CONTROL!



HONOR? HONOR
DEMANDS THAT I DO WHAT
IS BEST FOR HOUSE MO'KAI
BY INCREASING ITS WEALTH
AND POWER AND SECURING
A PLACE ON THE HIGH
COUNCIL.

IF YOU CANNOT
UNDERSTAND THAT, YOU
SHOULD HAVE LEFT
WITH YOUR LITTLE
BROTHER.



T'KUVMA'S
SISTER KILLED
HER CHILD
BECAUSE HE
HAD SKIN LIKE
MINE...



YES.

BUT T'KUVMA
ALWAYS REJECTED
SUCH PREJUDICE, JUST AS
HE REJECTED THE OTHER
PETTY DIVISIONS THAT
BROUGHT THE
EMPIRE LOW.

HIS DREAM
WAS THAT HONOR
WOULD BE RESTORED
TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE
AMONG OUR PEOPLE, AND
THAT THE EMPIRE WOULD
RECLAIM ITS FORMER
GLORY.



SO HE SEARCHED
THE STARS FOR YEARS,
LOOKING FOR THE BEACON OF
KAHLESS, AND HIS FOLLOWERS
NEVER WAVERED IN
THEIR FAITH.



ULTIMATELY, THEIR
FAITH WAS REWARDED,
AND THE BEACON
WAS FOUND.

YOU
AND I WERE
BLESSED TO
JOIN HIS CAUSE
AND WITNESS
THIS...



"...BUT IT WAS NOT
ENTIRELY AS YOU
IMAGINE IT TO BE."

WHERE
IS IT?

WE HAVE
SEARCHED
FOR MONTHS,
AND FOUND
NO SIGN.

EVERY HINT
I DISCOVERED
IN THE TEXTS ON
BORETH, EVERY
HALF-FORGOTTEN
WHISPER SCRATCHED
ON AN ANCIENT
PARCHMENT...



...AND WE ARE
NO CLOSER TO
FINDING THE
BEACON.

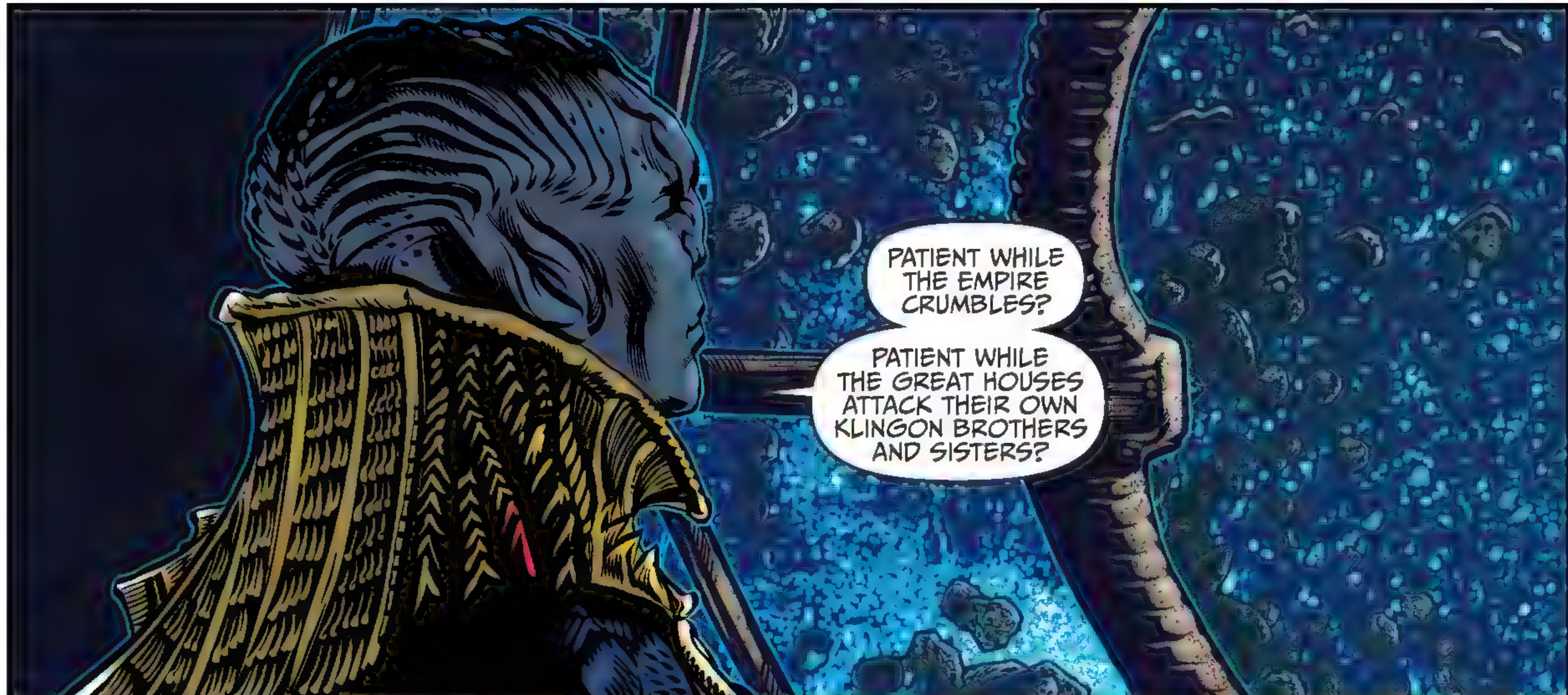
DID YOU
REALLY THINK
IT WOULD BE
EASY, MY OLD
FRIEND?



KAHLESS WOULD NOT
HAVE LEFT A BEACON THAT
WAS EASY TO FIND.

HE CREATED A
TEST. A TEST THAT ONLY
THE MOST WORTHY--THE
MOST HONORABLE--
COULD PASS.

I HAVE NO DOUBT
YOU WILL FIND IT, BUT
LET YOUR DEVOTION TO
KAHLESS BE MATCHED
BY **PATIENCE**.



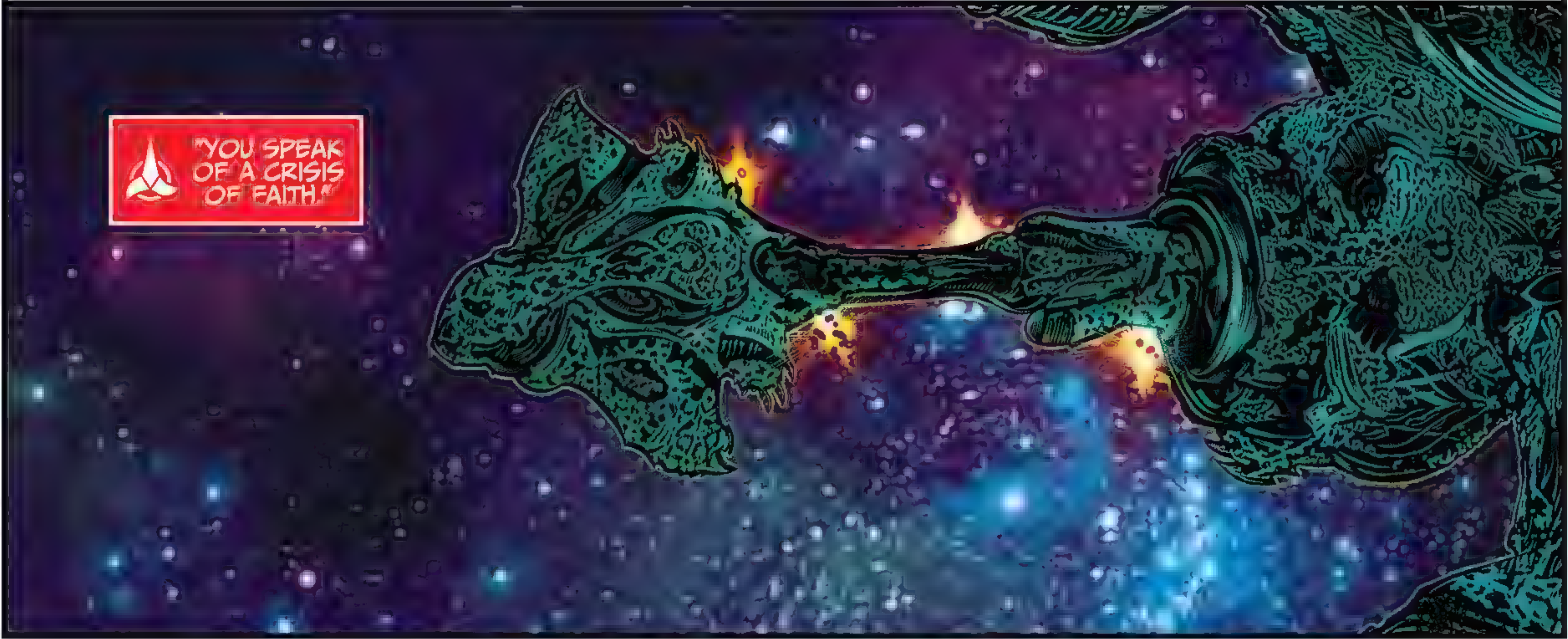


...BUT IT IS NOT
KLINGON!

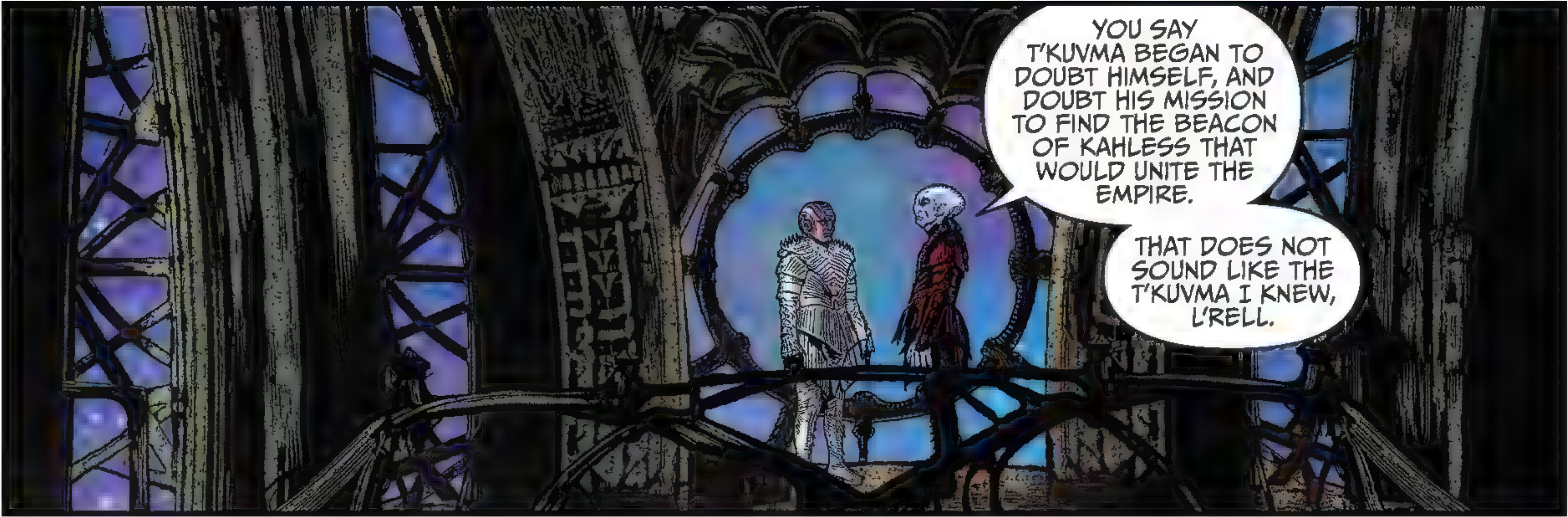


ART BY **TONY SHASTEEN**





YOU SPEAK
OF A CRISIS
OF FAITH.



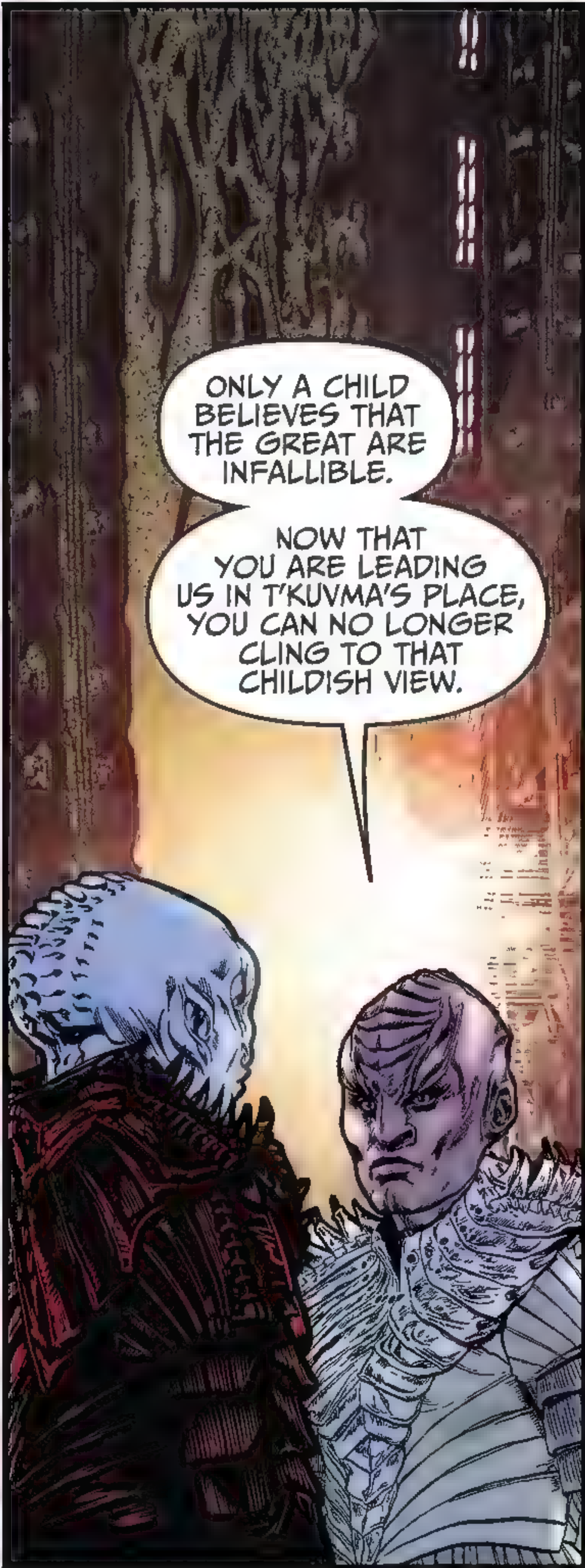
YOU SAY
T'KUVMA BEGAN TO
DOUBT HIMSELF, AND
DOUBT HIS MISSION
TO FIND THE BEACON
OF KAHLESS THAT
WOULD UNITE THE
EMPIRE.

THAT DOES NOT
SOUND LIKE THE
T'KUVMA I KNEW,
L'RELL.



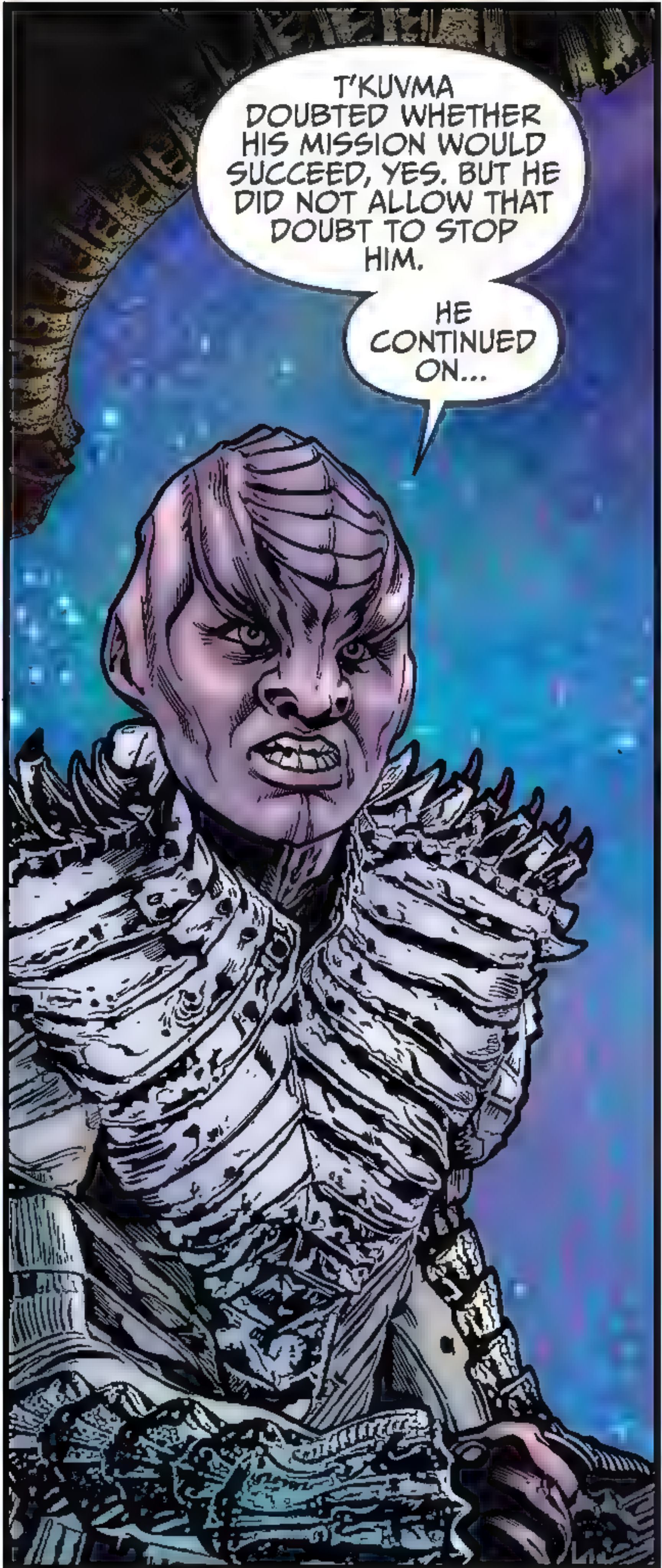
YOU REFUSE
TO BELIEVE THAT
T'KUVMA WOULD
EVER SHOW
WEAKNESS,
VOQ?

IS YOUR
FAITH IN HIM REALLY
SO FRAGILE THAT IT
CAN SO EASILY
SHATTER?



ONLY A CHILD
BELIEVES THAT
THE GREAT ARE
INFALLIBLE.

NOW THAT
YOU ARE LEADING
US IN T'KUVMA'S PLACE,
YOU CAN NO LONGER
CLING TO THAT
CHILDISH VIEW.



T'KUVMA
DOUBTED WHETHER
HIS MISSION WOULD
SUCCEED, YES. BUT HE
DID NOT ALLOW THAT
DOUBT TO STOP
HIM.

HE
CONTINUED
ON...



"...AND FOUND
THE SIGN THAT
PUT HIS DOUBTS
TO REST."

SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE.

THE FEDERATION.

IT IS
ONE OF THEIR
COMMUNICATIONS
RELAYS.

THEY PLACED IT
OUT HERE TO LISTEN
FOR US. TO MONITOR
THE MOVEMENTS OF
OUR FLEETS.

BUT THEY HAVE NEVER
PLACED ONE THIS *CLOSE* TO
THE EMPIRE'S BORDERS.

THIS IS NOT A
HARMLESS LISTENING
DEVICE, KHEL.

THIS IS A
HARBINGER
OF WAR.



THEY WOULD BE FOOLS TO INVITE CONFLICT WITH US AFTER ALL THIS TIME.

WOULD THEY, KHEL?

ARE YOU AND I NOT OUT HERE, IN SEARCH OF THE BEACON OF KAHLESS BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW *WEAK* THE EMPIRE HAS BECOME?



WEAKENED BY SQUABBLES. BY GREED. BY COWARDICE. NOW IS THE *PERFECT* TIME FOR THE FEDERATION TO STRIKE.



BUT THEY HAVE BEGUN THEIR ATTACK IN A MOST *HUMAN* WAY. NOT WITH A BOLD ASSAULT. NOT WITH *HONOR*.

BUT WITH SUBTERFUGE. WITH QUIET ENCROACHMENT.



WE SHOULD DESTROY THIS. IT WILL SEND A MESSAGE TO THE HUMANS THAT THEIR PLOTS DO NOT GO UNNOTICED.



NO. WE WILL LEAVE IT WHERE WE FOUND IT, INTACT.

WAR IS COMING, YES. IT MAY BE YEARS AWAY. BUT THE EMPIRE MUST BE PREPARED FIRST. ONLY THEN WILL WE ENGAGE THE FEDERATION.

T'KUVMA
CONTINUED HIS
SEARCH FOR THE
BEACON OF
KAHLESS.



"RUMORS
SPREAD IN
HIS WAKE



"RUMORS OF A
SHIP, CREWED
BY THE DEAD



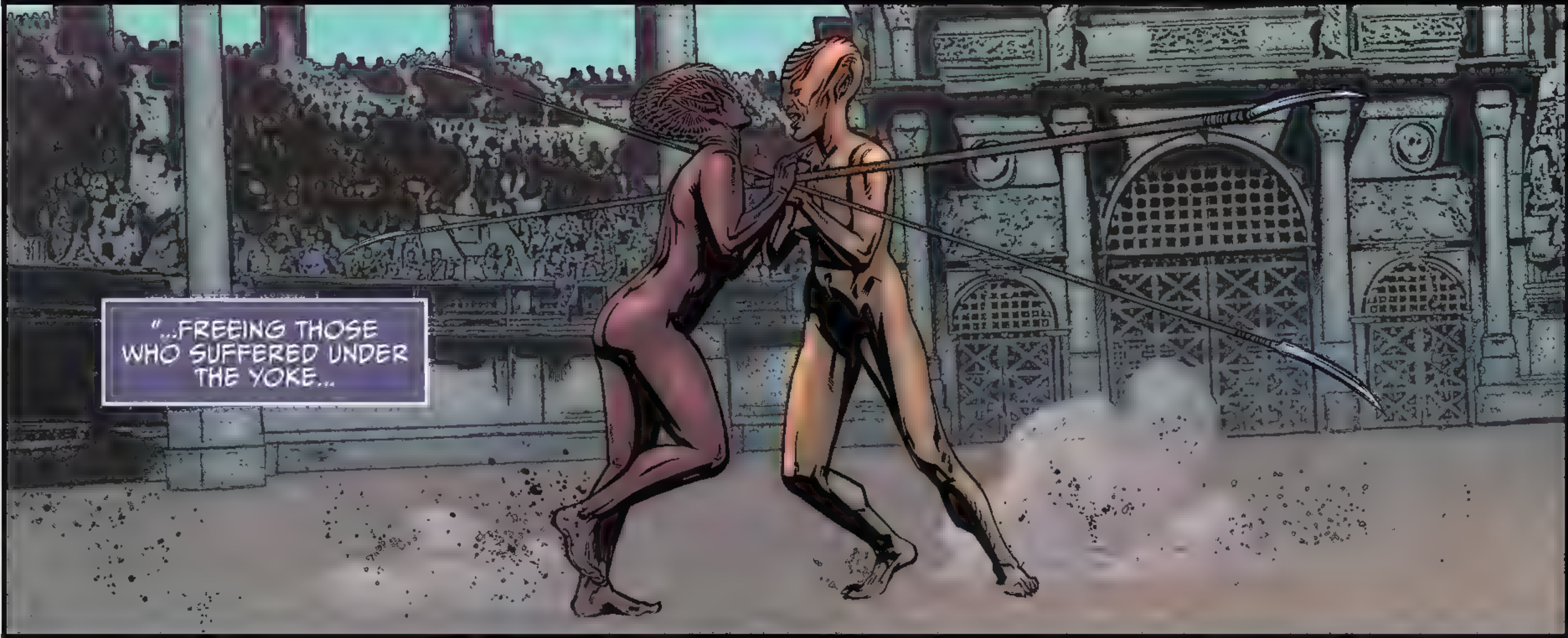
"WARRIORS
SEEKING
THOSE WHO
DISHONORED
THE EMPIRE



AND ELIMINATING
THEM



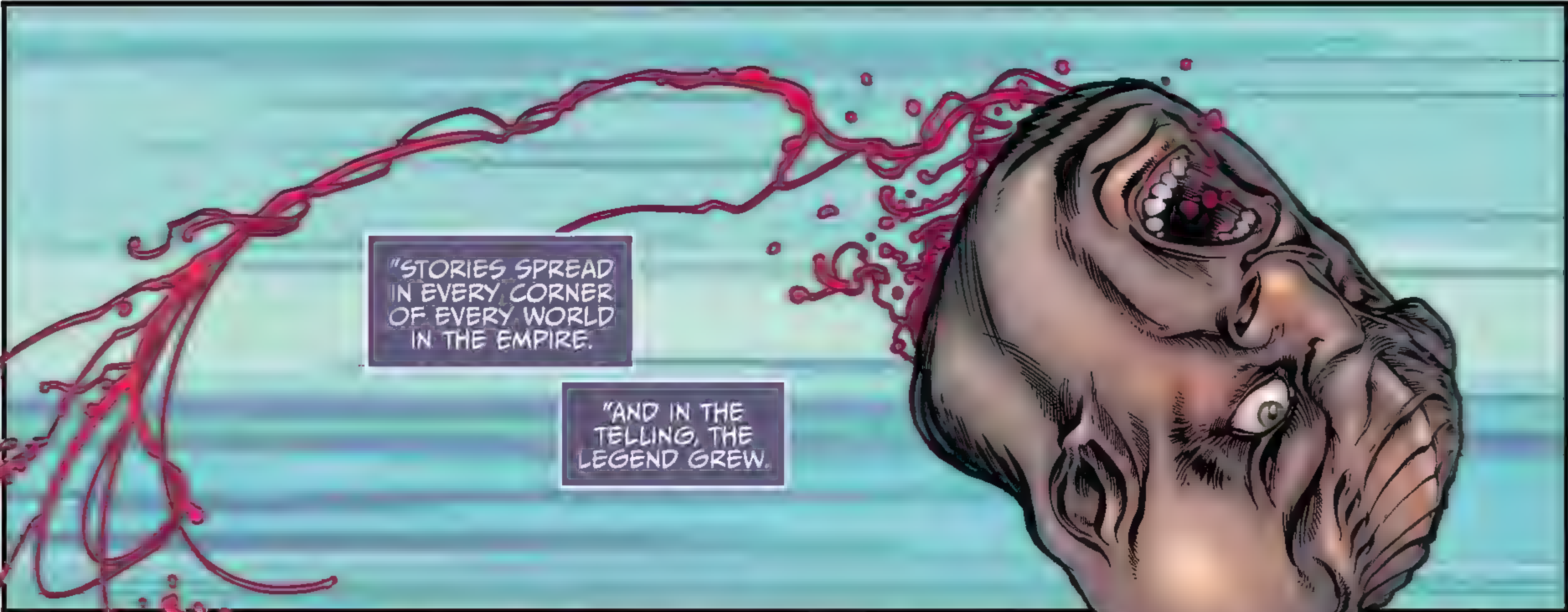
"FREEING THE
ENSLAVED



"...FREEING THOSE WHO SUFFERED UNDER THE YOKE..."



"...OF A CORRUPT AND VILE RULING CLASS"



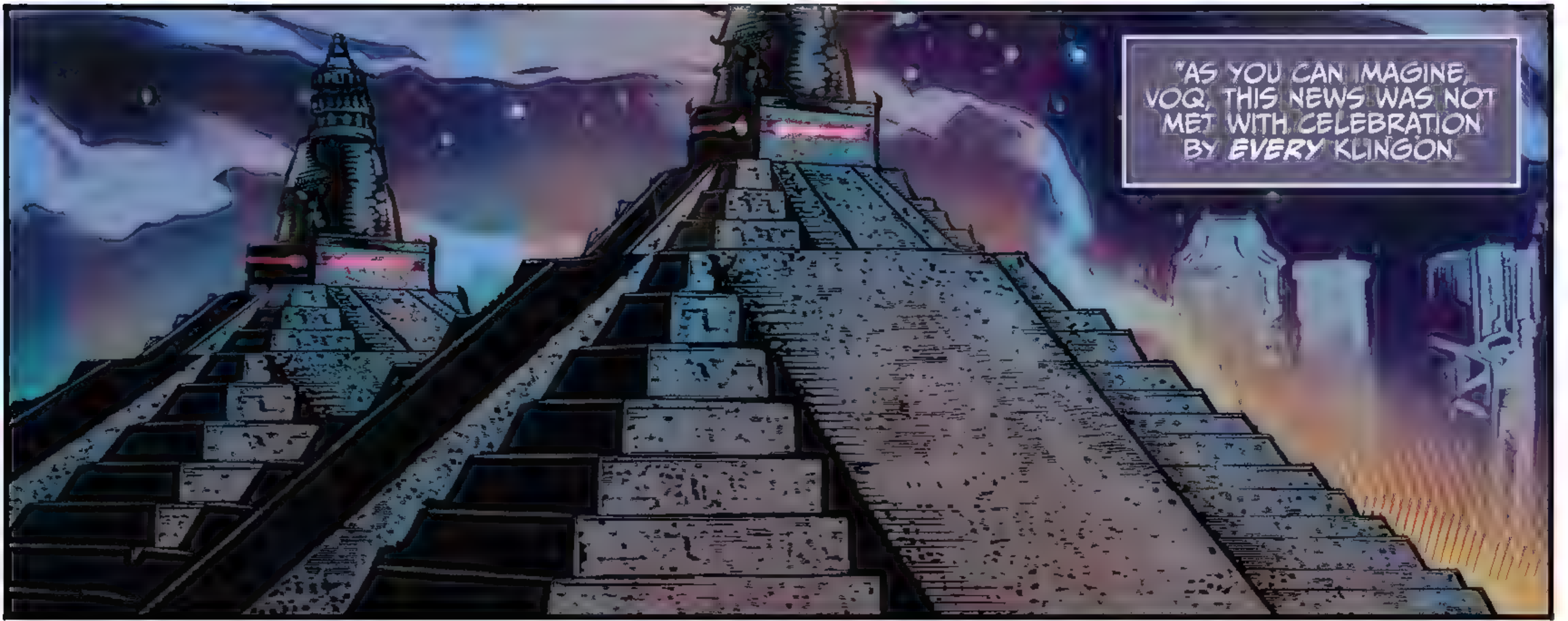
"STORIES SPREAD IN EVERY CORNER OF EVERY WORLD IN THE EMPIRE."

"AND IN THE TELLING, THE LEGEND GREW."



"THE CAPTAIN OF THIS MIGHTY SHIP OF THE DEAD WAS NOT JUST A FOLLOWER OF KAHLESS"

"HE WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE REINCARNATION OF KAHLESS HIMSELF."

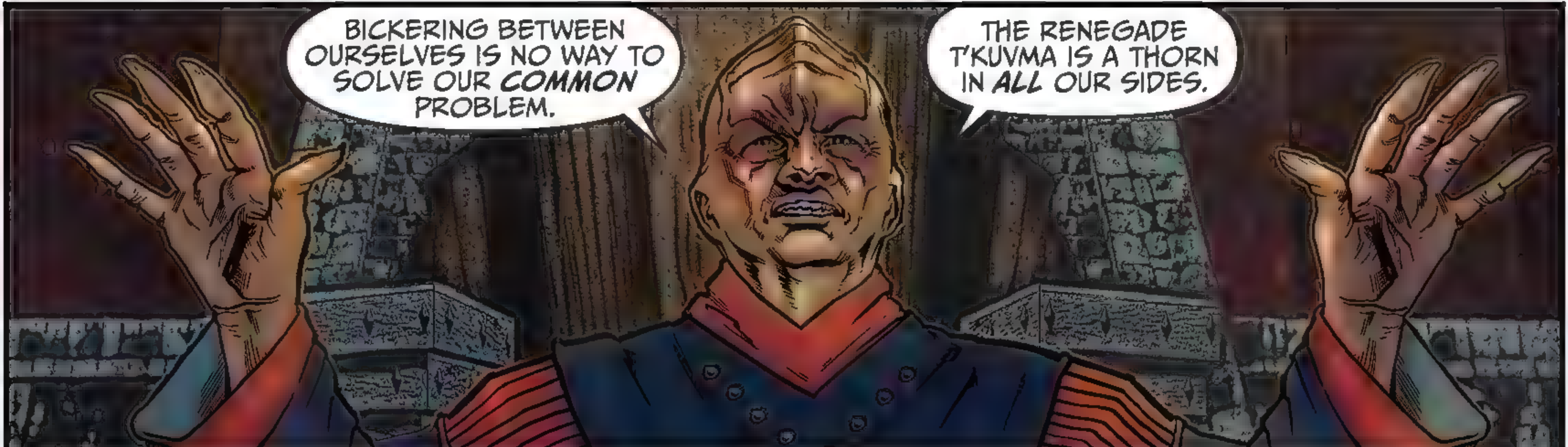


"AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, VOQ, THIS NEWS WAS NOT MET WITH CELEBRATION BY *EVERY* KLINGON."

"THE *HIGH COUNCIL* ON QO'NOS LEAST OF ALL."



QUIET, ALL OF YOU!



BICKERING BETWEEN OURSELVES IS NO WAY TO SOLVE OUR *COMMON* PROBLEM.

THE RENEGADE T'KUVMA IS A THORN IN *ALL* OUR SIDES.



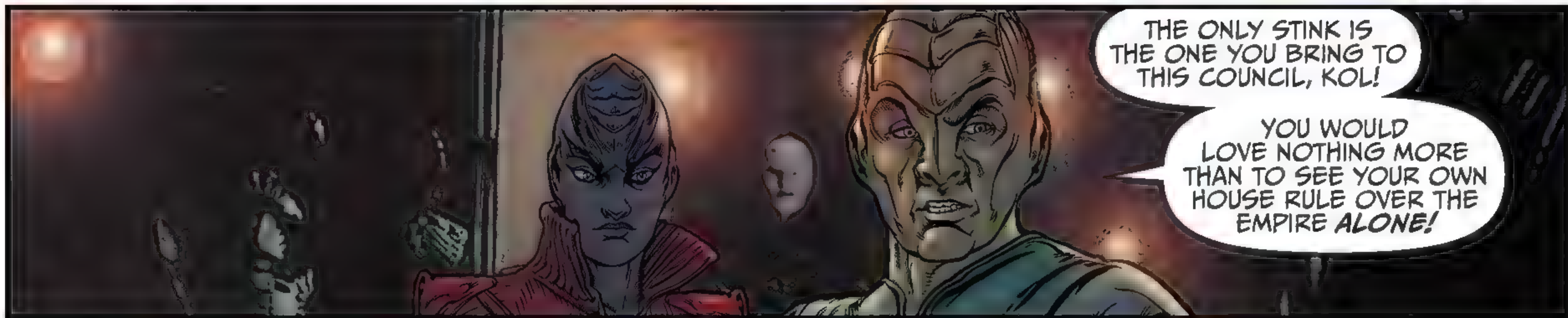
J'ULA OF
HOUSE MO'KAI.
YOU ARE T'KUVMA'S
SISTER. YOU
KNOW HIM
BEST.

WHAT IS HIS
AIM IN HARASSING
THE NOBLE HOUSES
AND INCITING THE
POPULACE?



HER?
FOR ALL WE
KNOW SHE'S
HELPING
HIM!

THIS HAS
THE *STINK* OF A
SCHEME BY HOUSE
MO'KAI TO WEAKEN
ALL THE OTHER
HOUSES!



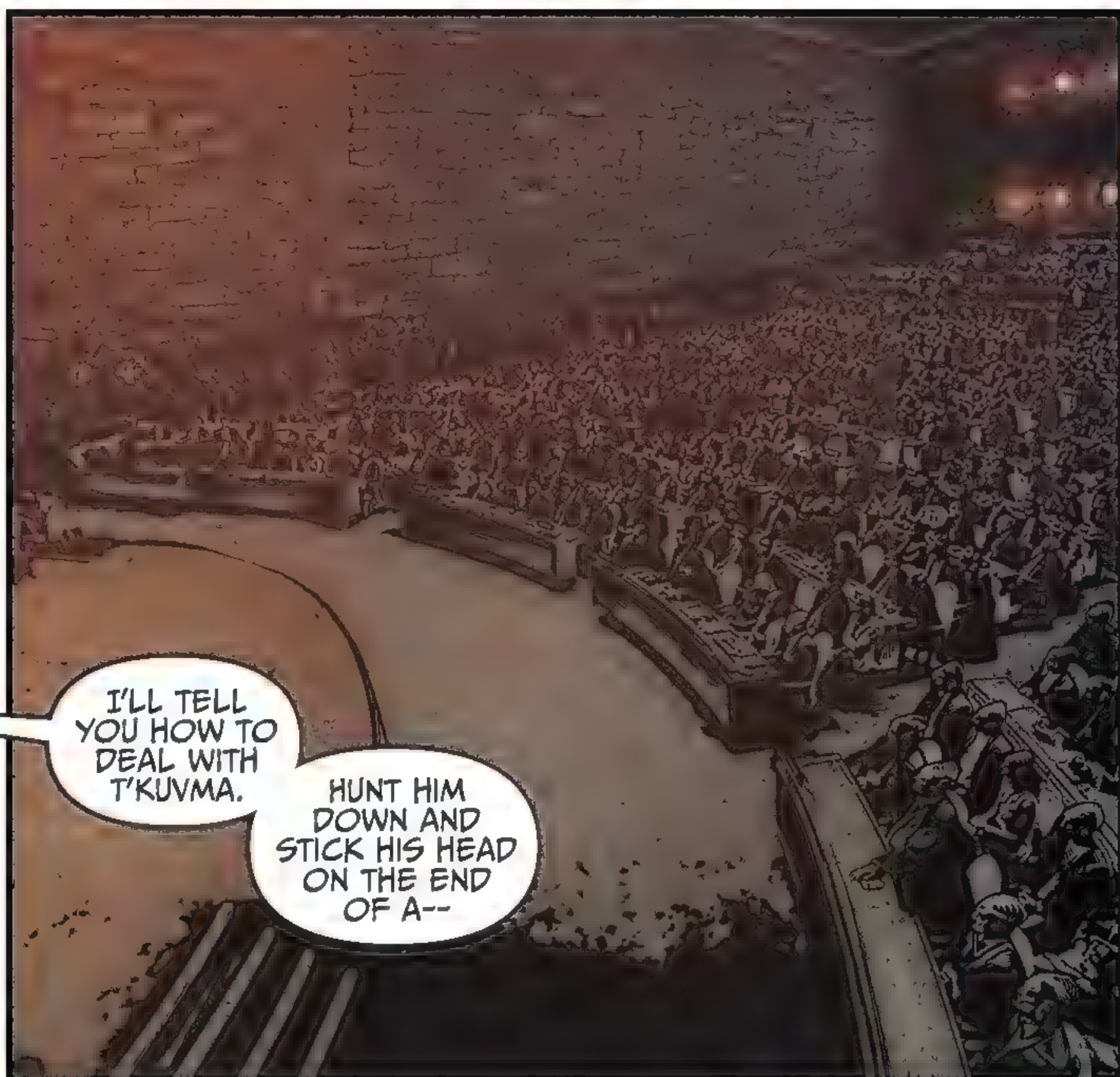
THE ONLY STINK IS
THE ONE YOU BRING TO
THIS COUNCIL, KOL!

YOU WOULD
LOVE NOTHING MORE
THAN TO SEE YOUR OWN
HOUSE RULE OVER THE
EMPIRE *ALONE*!



HA!

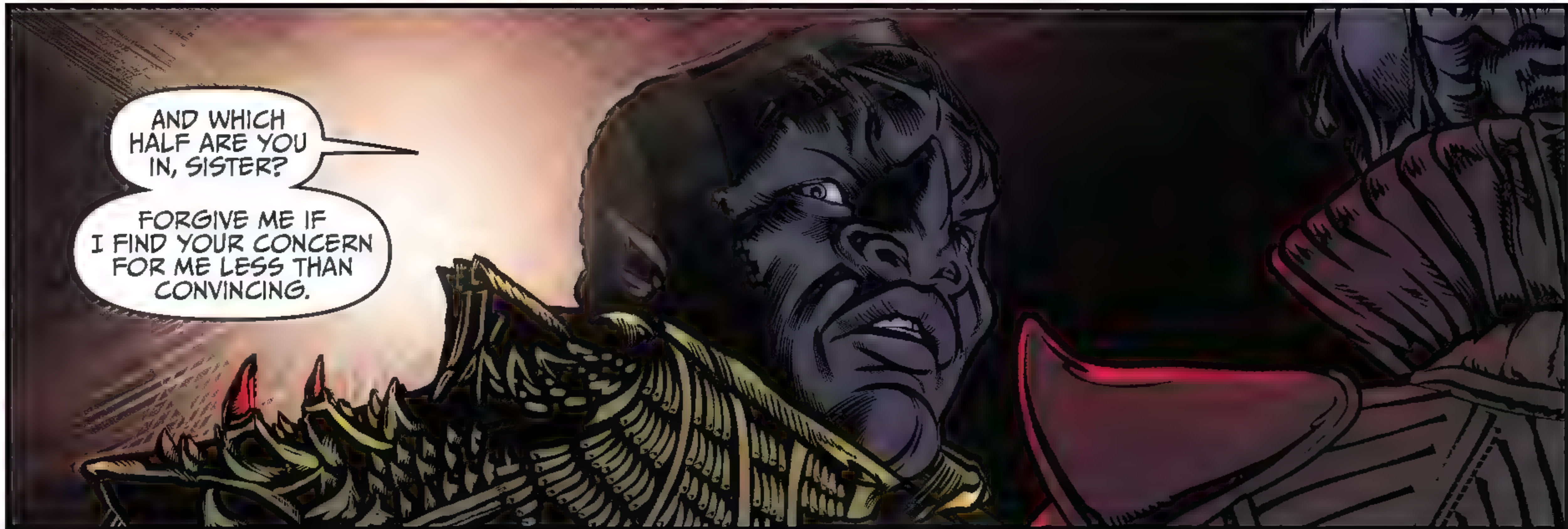
BOLD WORDS,
D'LOR! BUT WE ALL KNOW
THAT THE *MATRIARCHS*
ARE THE TRUE RULERS OF
HOUSE MO'KAI. YOU'RE
NOTHING BUT A CRAVEN
PUPPET!



I'LL TELL
YOU HOW TO
DEAL WITH
T'KUVMA.

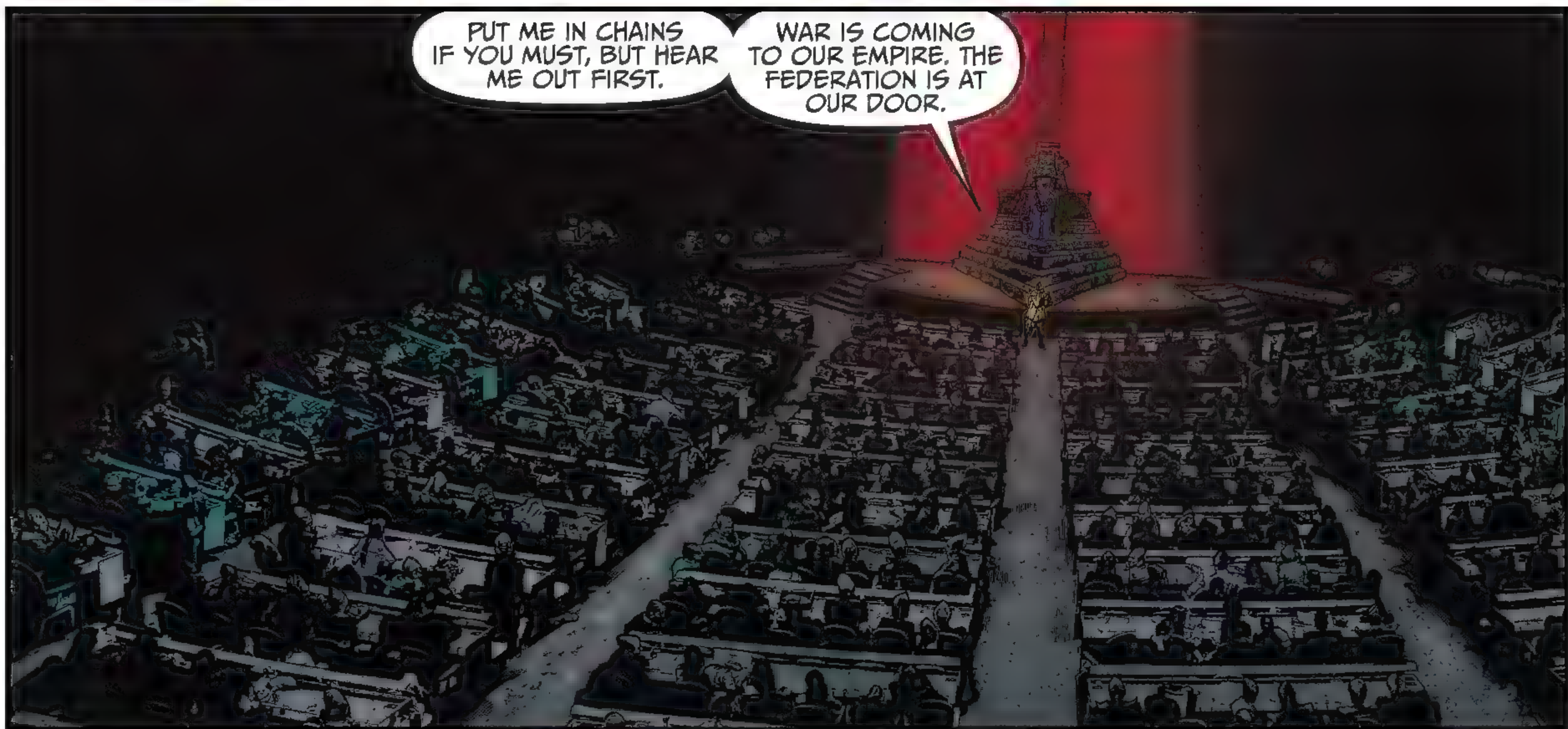
HUNT HIM
DOWN AND
STICK HIS HEAD
ON THE END
OF A--





AND WHICH
HALF ARE YOU
IN, SISTER?

FORGIVE ME IF
I FIND YOUR CONCERN
FOR ME LESS THAN
CONVINCING.



PUT ME IN CHAINS
IF YOU MUST, BUT HEAR
ME OUT FIRST.

WAR IS COMING
TO OUR EMPIRE. THE
FEDERATION IS AT
OUR DOOR.



THE *FEDERATION*? THE
DAY I FEAR THAT PATHETIC
GROUP OF BACKWARD
WORLDS IS THE DAY I EAT
MY OWN BLADE!

WHAT ARE
YOU REALLY UP TO,
TKUVMA? SETTING
YOURSELF UP AS
SAVIOR OF
US ALL?



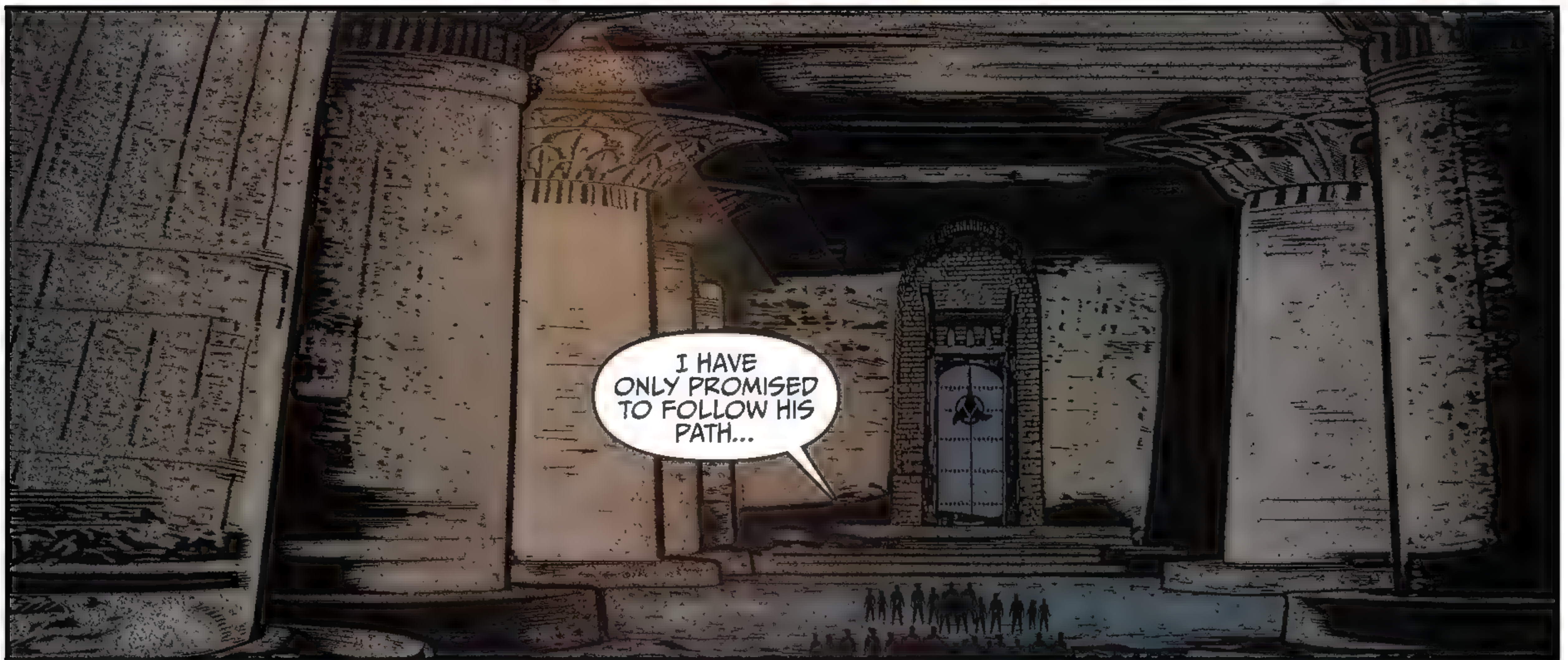
NO SINGLE
KLINGON CAN
SAVE THE
EMPIRE.

WE CAN
ONLY DO THAT
IF WE *UNITE* IN
THE NAME OF
KAHLESS.



AH, *THERE* IT IS.
WE'VE ALL HEARD THAT
YOU'VE BEEN CALLING
YOURSELF KAHLESS
REBORN.

NOW YOU
EXPECT US TO
FOLLOW YOU INTO
BATTLE BY INVENTING
A THREAT THAT
DOES NOT
EXIST?







YOU *THREATEN* US WITH A *MOB* AND EXPECT US TO CAVE TO YOUR DEMANDS?

YOU'RE *PATHETIC*, T'KUVMA.

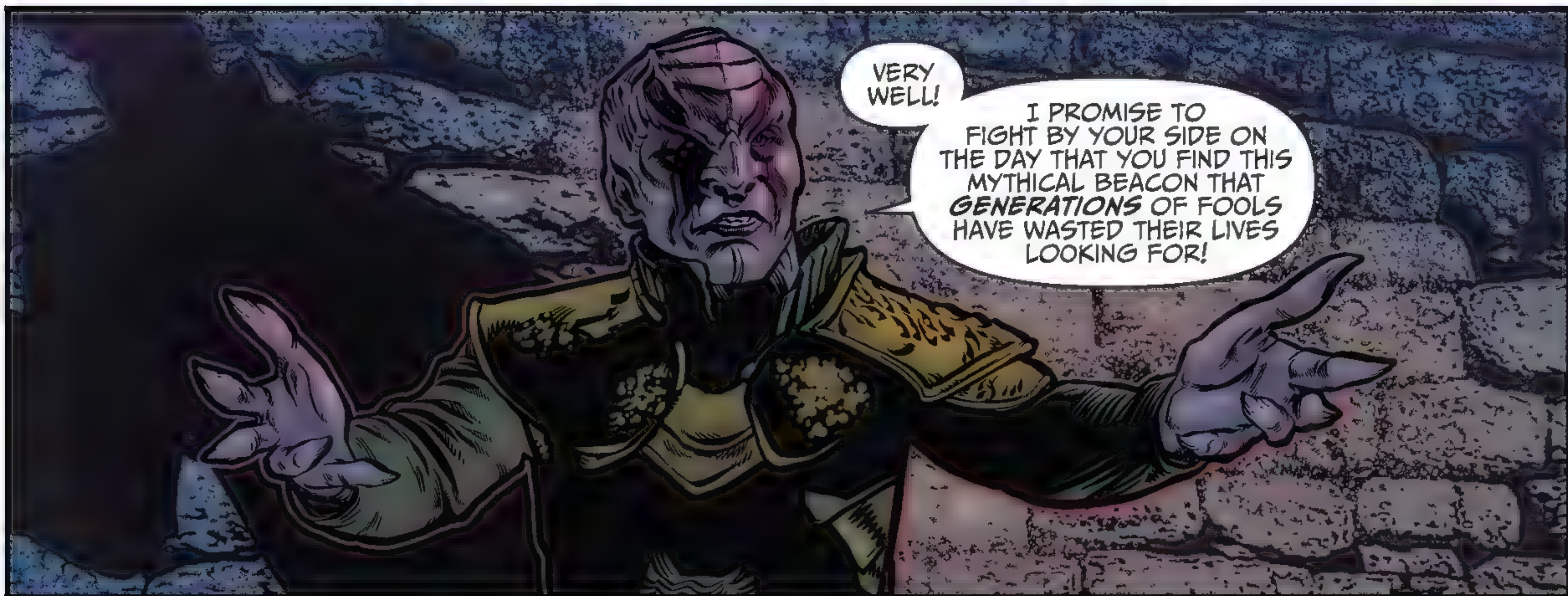


NOT A DEMAND. A REQUEST. ONLY *ONE*.

WHEN I FINALLY FIND THE BEACON OF KAHLESS...

...WHEN I FINALLY *LIGHT* IT...

...YOU WILL ALL JOIN ME TO FIGHT *TOGETHER*.



VERY WELL!

I PROMISE TO FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE ON THE DAY THAT YOU FIND THIS MYTHICAL BEACON THAT *GENERATIONS* OF FOOLS HAVE WASTED THEIR LIVES LOOKING FOR!



BUT WE BOTH KNOW THE TRUTH, PRETENDER.

YOUR BONES WILL BE *DUST* LONG BEFORE THAT DAY.



"PLEASE,
MY LORD
T'KUVMA..."



...HAVE MERCY
AND LET US JOIN YOU. WE
ARE NO GREAT WARRIORS,
OF NO GREAT HOUSE, BUT
WE BELIEVE IN THE WORDS
OF KAHLESS.

ANY FOOL
WITH A BAT'LETH CAN
CALL THEMSELVES A
WARRIOR.

I AM LOOKING
FOR WARRIORS OF
THE *SPIRIT*. YOU ARE
WELCOME TO
JOIN HOUSE
T'KUVMA.



THE BOY LOOKS
FAMILIAR.

WHY DO ALL
OF US WITH SKIN
OF CHALK LOOK THE
SAME TO THOSE
WITHOUT IT?



I WAS TALKING
ABOUT THE FIRE IN
HIS EYES, KHEL.

READY
THE SHIP FOR
DEPARTURE.



T'KUVMA...

J'ULA.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?



I...I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I BELIEVE YOU.

I BELIEVE THAT YOU WANT TO PROTECT THE EMPIRE. I BELIEVE THAT WE FACE A DIRE THREAT.



MANY IN THE COUNCIL STILL HAVE THEIR DOUBTS. I WILL WORK TO PERSUADE THEM OF THE TRUTH.

I AM...
PROUD OF YOU, BROTHER.

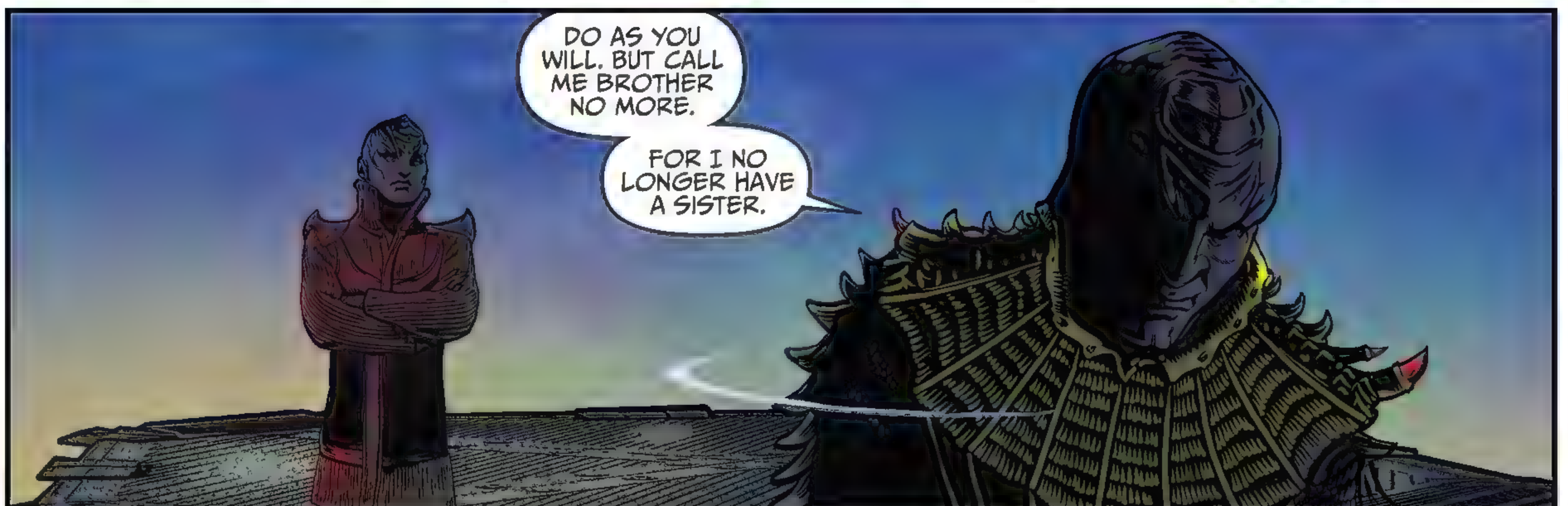


YOU COME HERE SEEKING WHAT, J'ULA? MY GRATITUDE? MY AFFECTION?



YOU MADE YOUR CHOICE YEARS AGO. YOU ENDED OUR FAMILY'S HOUSE AND CHOSE ANOTHER.

WITH THE END OF OUR HOUSE CAME THE END OF THE BONDS THAT TIED US.



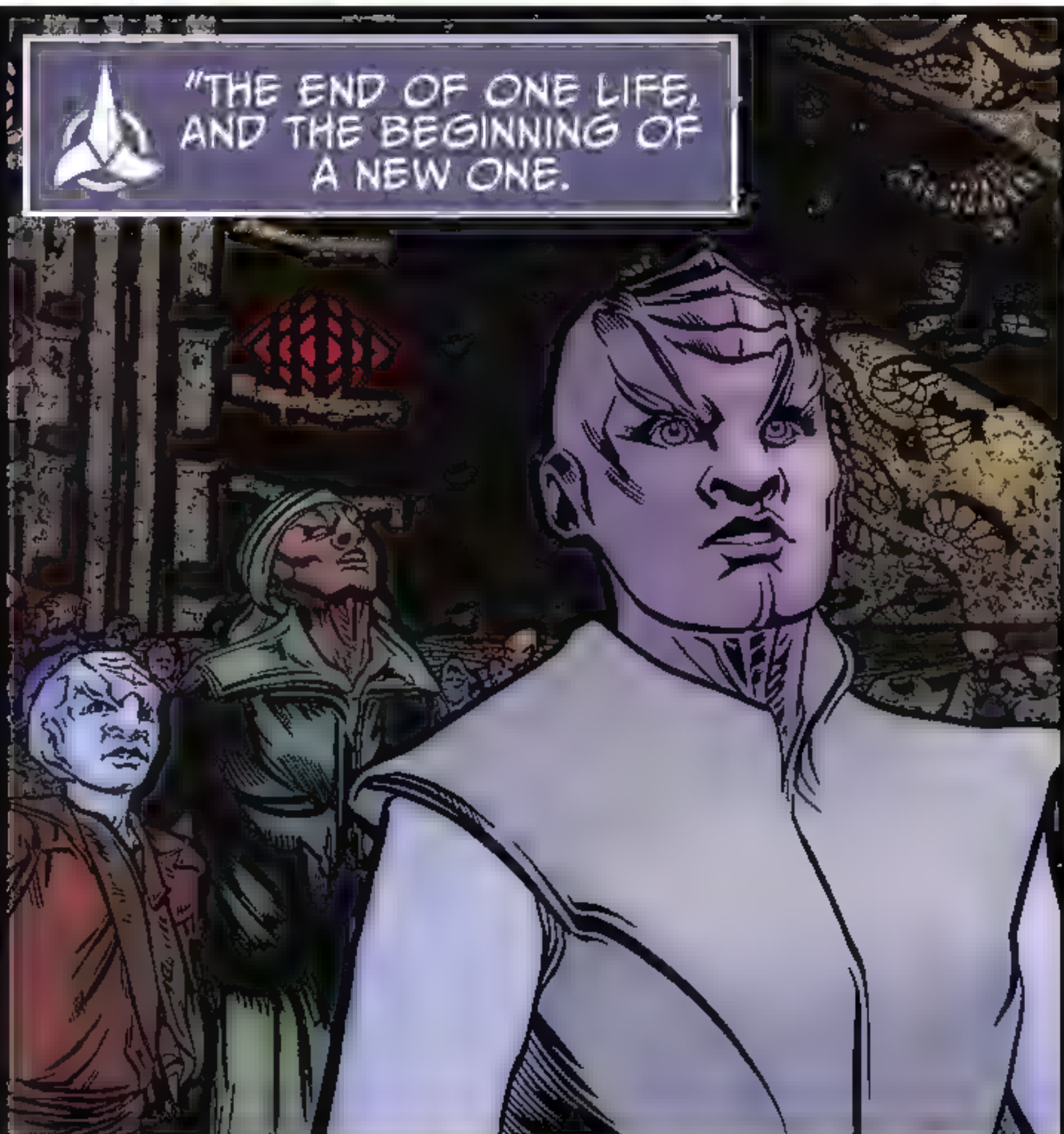
DO AS YOU WILL. BUT CALL ME BROTHER NO MORE.

FOR I NO LONGER HAVE A SISTER.

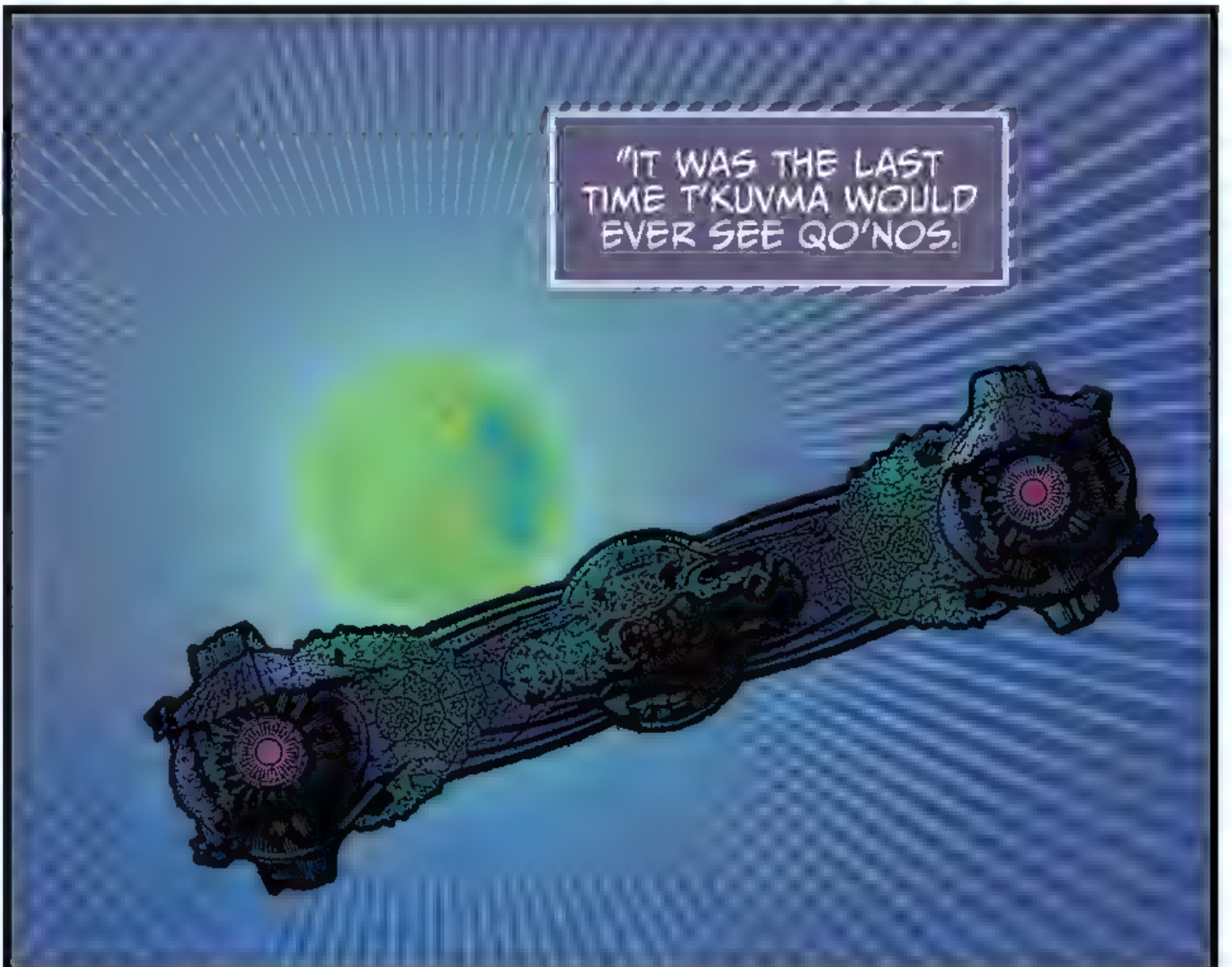
THAT WAS THE
NIGHT YOU AND I
FIRST STEPPED
ABOARD THIS
SHIP, VOQ.



"THE END OF ONE LIFE,
AND THE BEGINNING OF
A NEW ONE."



"IT WAS THE LAST
TIME T'KUVMA WOULD
EVER SEE QO'NOS."



"HE HAD WON THE HEARTS OF
HIS PEOPLE, BUT HIS QUEST
REMAINED UNFULFILLED."

"THE BEACON OF
KAHLESS STILL
ELUDED HIM."



"IT WOULD BE
YEARS BEFORE
HE FOUND IT."





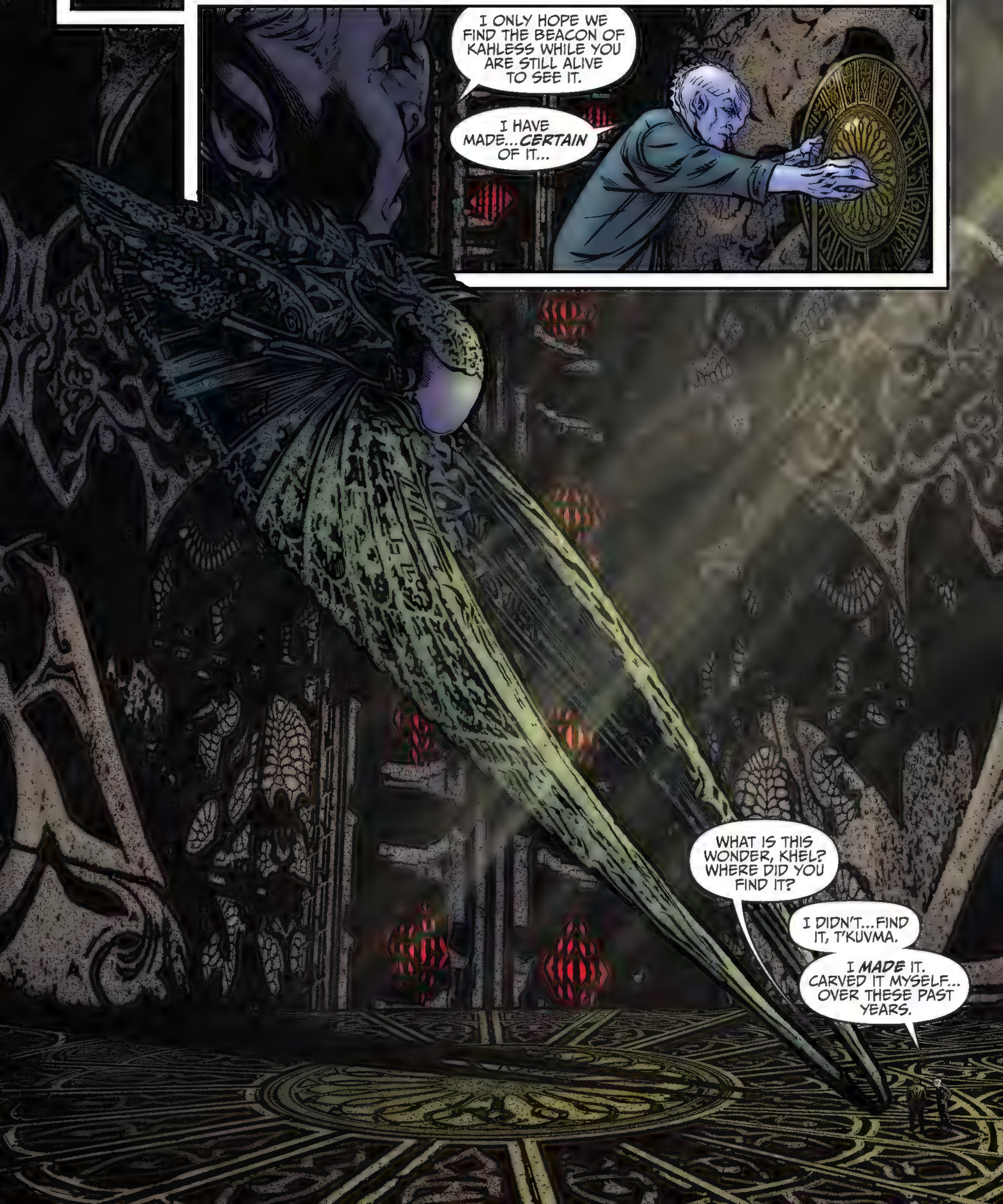
YOU SHOULD
REST, KHEL. THE DISEASE
RAVAGING YOUR BONES
DEMANDS IT.

I'M NOT...
DEAD YET...OLD
FRIEND...



I ONLY HOPE WE
FIND THE BEACON OF
KAHLESS WHILE YOU
ARE STILL ALIVE
TO SEE IT.

I HAVE
MADE...**CERTAIN**
OF IT...



WHAT IS THIS
WONDER, KHEL?
WHERE DID YOU
FIND IT?

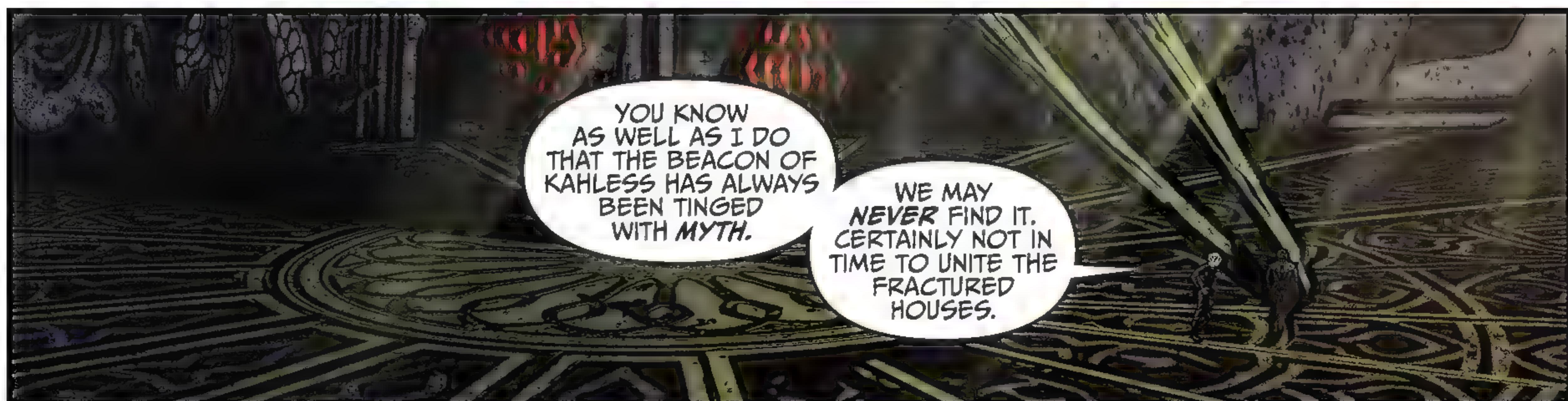
I DIDN'T...FIND
IT, T'KUVMA.

I **MADE** IT.
CARVED IT MYSELF...
OVER THESE PAST
YEARS.



IT IS THE
BEACON WE
ARE LOOKING
FOR.

WHAT...?



YOU KNOW
AS WELL AS I DO
THAT THE BEACON OF
KAHLESS HAS ALWAYS
BEEN TINGED
WITH MYTH.

WE MAY
NEVER FIND IT.
CERTAINLY NOT IN
TIME TO UNITE THE
FRACTURED
HOUSES.



BUT I HAVE
COME TO BELIEVE
THAT THE ANSWER WE
HAVE BEEN SEEKING
HAS BEEN WITH US
ALL ALONG.

IT'S YOU,
T'KUVMA.



YOU ARE
THE BEACON
FOR YOUR
PEOPLE.

NO OBJECT
OF METAL AND
STONE CAN INSPIRE
THEM THE WAY
YOU HAVE.



THE
RULING HOUSES
EXPECT YOU TO
FAIL IN YOUR
SEARCH.

DEFY
THEM. LIGHT THIS
BEACON...

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HE *CREATED*
THE VERY BEACON
HE CLAIMED TO
FIND?

YOU ASK
THE WRONG
QUESTION,
VOQ.



THE
QUESTION
TO ASK
IS...

...*DID IT*
WORK?

AND AS WE
HAVE JUST SEEN
AT THE BINARY STARS,
THE ANSWER
IS *YES*.

THE EMPIRE
ANSWERED HIS
CALL.



HE SHOULD
HAVE TOLD US.
WE WOULD HAVE
ACCEPTED THE
TRUTH.

HE SHOULD HAVE
TRUSTED US.



IT WAS NOT
AN EASY DECISION
FOR HIM TO MAKE. HE
WOULD NOT BURDEN
THE REST OF US
WITH IT.

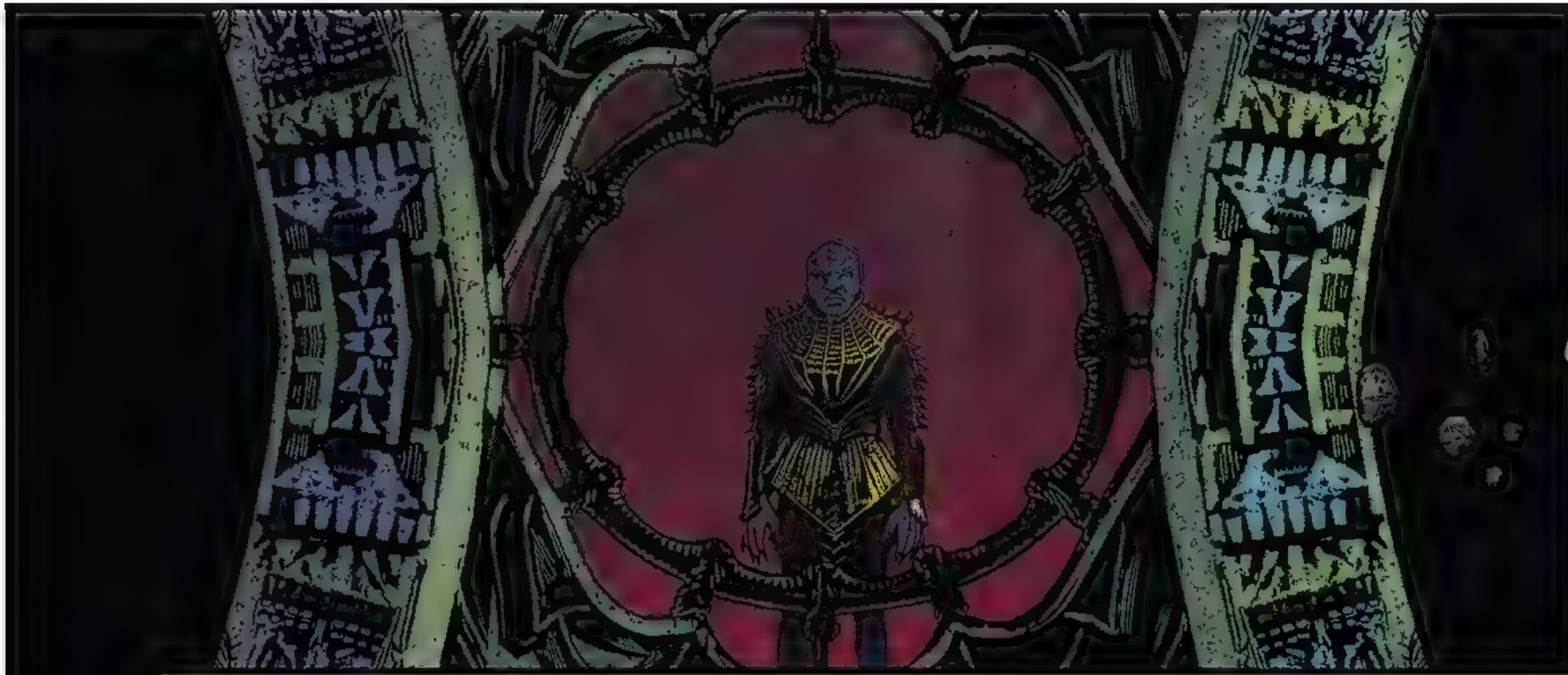
HE WAS
WILLING TO CARRY
ANY BURDEN FOR
HIS PEOPLE.

YOU LEAD
US NOW, VOQ.
SO ASK
YOURSELF...



...HOW FAR
WOULD *YOU*
GO FOR YOUR
PEOPLE?

"COMMANDER, WE HAVE
A FEDERATION SHIP ON
OUR SCANS."



LIGHT THE
BEACON.



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